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COVER: Imagining what a new student life core might look like located just behind Hunt Dining Hall, as part of the new campus master plan. Rendering created by Heier Brown Ron frem Architects.



In Celebration and Remembrance, VWIL MARCHES PROUD



Governor Tim Kaine's inauguration in January marked the first time a Virginia governor took the oath of office in the Commonwealth's colonial capitol of Williamsburg since Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated in 1779. It also marked the third invitation for MBC's Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) to perform in a Virginia gubernatorial parade. Cadets and non-cadet students in the MBC/VWIL Band processed down Duke of Gloucester Street in a parade that was televised around the state.

The combined band and corps also made its third consecutive appearance in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City March 17. Mary Baldwin College students in full parade dress commanded attention from the moment they turned onto

Fifth Avenue, and held it for more than 40 city blocks. VWIL earned its way onto the national stage by capturing second place among all marching units during its first appearance in the NYC parade in 2004. It is not yet known where the group placed in the 2006 competition.

The corps paused between its annual spring parade and its military ball March 25 to honor Air Force 1st Lt. Sarah Small '02, who died while on duty in Egypt. As snow fell, her parents, VWIL alumnae, and military dignitaries joined the corps of cadets to dedicate a plaque in her name and position it on the memorial wall outside the SMA/VWIL Museum on campus, where Staunton Military Academy alumni, faculty, and staff are also remembered with plaques. Small is

the first VWIL graduate to be killed in the line of duty. Anita Blair, deputy assistant secretary of the Navy, and Robert Goodwin, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force, spoke to attendees at the ceremony and ball.

Evidence of the depth of feeling for Sarah Small was also clear in a poignant memorial service held by Mary Baldwin College last October, followed by cadets and others attending her burial at Arlington National Cemetery in December. VWIL cadets have also remembered Small with a painted rock outside the VWIL House on campus. Contributions sent to Mary Baldwin in her name may be used to establish an award scholarship for a VWIL senior who is involved in community service. ▲



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Top: VWIL cadets march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City March 17. Bottom right: VWIL cadets honor Air Force 1st Lt. Sarah Small '02 at the March 25 plaque dedication.

SAPLINGS ON SARAH'S SLOPE:

VWIL students planted hundreds of tree seedlings on a campus hillside near the lower athletic field — now named in honor of Air Force 1st Lt. Sarah Small, a 2002 graduate of MBC who died while on duty in Egypt.



Award-Winning Writer, Bear Expert, and Noted Scientist Expand Our Minds

Each year, annual lecture series funded by generous MBC donors bring lively and talented visitors to campus. During spring 2006, esteemed guests enriched the MBC experience as part of the Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Doenges Visiting Scholar/Artist program, the Mary E. Humphreys Biology Lecture Series, and the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar series, among others.

Writer Francine Prose and Artist/Activist Claudia Bernardi

As the 2005–06 Doenges Visiting Artist, Francine Prose, author of 14 books of fiction including *Household Saints* and *A Changed Man*, gave a public reading and taught a May Term course, *Reading Like a Writer*. Prose, a Brooklyn native and graduate of Radcliffe College, left Harvard graduate school to live in India for a year where she began to write her first novel, *Judah the Pious*.

In addition to novels, Prose has penned stories, reviews, cultural criticisms, and essays appearing in such publications as *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Art News*, *Elle*, *The Paris Review*, *Harpers Magazine*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. She is also the author of several children's books and three books of translation.

Prose is the recipient of numerous grants and awards, among them Guggenheim and Fulbright fellowships, and has taught at Harvard, University of Arizona, and University of Utah, among others. Her novel *Blue Angel* was a finalist for the National Book Award and her nonfiction work *The Lives of the Muses: Nine Women and the Artists They Inspired* was a national bestseller.

Artist Claudia Bernardi is slated to be the 2006–07 Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Doenges Visiting Artist. Her experiences

exhuming bodies, documenting burial sites, and championing social justice and human rights in Central and South America and Africa invariably inform her art. Bernardi's paintings, prints, installations, and sculptures are internationally known. One of her unique media is fresco on paper, a method she developed, whereby layer after layer of pure pigments are applied to wet paper and run repeatedly — sometimes hundreds of times — through a printmaker's press. Bernardi will be at MBC September 18–22 to visit classes and for a public lecture September 19. She will return to campus during May Term 2007.

The Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Doenges Visiting Artist/Scholar program was the vision of the late MBC alumna and trustee Liddy Kirkpatrick Doenges '63. The lecture series was established in 1996 by her friends, family, and classmates to honor her memory.

Bear Biologist Michael Pelton

Michael Pelton, one of the most respected bear biologists in the world, shared his research methods and findings from 38 years of field work — and tactile pieces including skulls and fur. Among Pelton's most important accomplishments is a 32-year study of the black bear — the longest continuous study of any bear species in the world. Pelton's research projects have also included studies of brown bear in Spain, Norway, and Russia, and Asiatic black bears in Japan. He has studied giant pandas in China in a cooperative effort with the Wildlife Conservation Society and Memphis Zoo.

Pelton is professor emeritus of wildlife science at University of Tennessee, and he has also held faculty

and adjunct faculty appointments in graduate programs for ecology and ethology at the Universities of Arkansas, Clemson, and Mississippi State. He has co-founded numbers of organizations dedicated to the conservation and rehabilitation of bears, such as the International Association for Bear Research and Management and the Black Bear Conservation Committee, among others.

The Mary E. Humphreys Biology Lecture Series was established in 1992 to bring prominent scientists to the campus to present public lectures. Sponsoring the series are friends and former students of Dr. Mary Humphreys, professor emerita of biology, who served on the biology faculty at MBC for 25 years (1943–1968).

Sue Rosser's Scientific Glass Ceiling for Women

Beakers. Microscope slides. Test tubes. Ceilings. All things that are made of glass for women conducting scientific research, according to Sue Rosser, Phi Beta Kappa lecturer. Rosser is dean of Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts (part of Georgia Institute of Technology), and a former faculty member at MBC. She discussed the implications of women and the glass ceiling in science at the annual college lecture.

Rosser has written several books and numerous articles on gender inequality in science education and professions, and she received a Women of Distinction Award from the Women's Leadership Conference in 2004. She is a staunch advocate for the feminist perspective in science, and her nine books include *Female-Friendly Science*, and her latest, *The Science Glass Ceiling: Academic Women Scientists and the Struggle to Succeed*. The lecture is sponsored by the campus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. ▲



Francine Prose



Claudia Bernardi



Michael Pelton



Sue Rosser



Gen Ed Revision and QEP Topic Approved

Mary Baldwin College had not made major changes to its General Education requirements in more than 20 years. That changed in February, when faculty approved curriculum revisions.

The process started nearly four years ago with the question: "What are we trying to do?" said Jeffrey Buller, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. The understanding was that the curriculum was sound and could remain unchanged. However, following numerous public sessions, listserv discussions, and revisions, the changes to the general education plan now fully complement the college's strategic plan.

The final discussion was timed to coincide with selection of a Quality Enhancement Plan topic — as well as better serve students in a global context. The alterations will apply to students who enter MBC in fall 2006. To better understand the revision process, please refer to chart below.

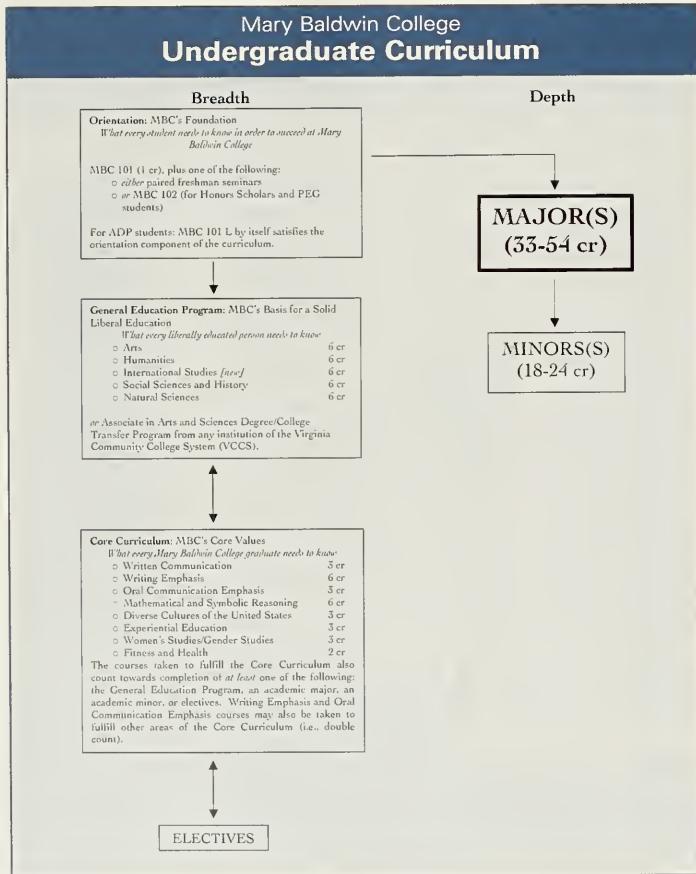
At the same meeting, faculty unanimously endorsed civic engagement as the focus of the college's QEP — shorthand for Quality Enhancement Plan. Implementing a successful QEP is one of the requirements MBC must meet to retain its accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association (SACS), a process which is

underway and will take several years.

"We live in a world of increasing complexity and interconnectedness, and the dangers of ignoring that interconnectedness are growing rapidly," read the proposal by a committee of faculty members, recommending civic engagement as a top priority. Civic engagement synthesizes several of the five original topics proposed for the QEP earlier in the year, and it is a hot topic at many colleges and universities.

A concise illustration of the varied parts of the concept can be given through an extended metaphor that uses the hand and fingers to represent civic engagement. At the most basic level, it symbolizes how our hands extend to help others. Through this extension, we grow and gain. Bruce Dorries, assistant professor of communication, offered this explanation to the faculty:

- ▲ **Pinky:** The weakest digit, representing a lack of knowledge of world issues and global citizenship. This has been a major concern of faculty, not only at Mary Baldwin, but around the country. Civic engagement can strengthen students' global awareness.
- ▲ **Ring finger:** Convincing students to marry a man named "Stan Ton." In other words, involvement in the Staunton community, including, but not limited to, supporting local businesses, participating in the arts, internships, and volunteerism.
- ▲ **Middle finger:** The subject of social entrepreneurship — regarded as taboo in some realms of academia — has broad support from students because it calls for applied use of creative thinking and skills. Around the world, social entrepreneurs have used the savvy and drive of the business world to support educational, health, and environmental initiatives.
- ▲ **Index finger:** The pointing image of "Uncle Sam wants you," can be used to symbolize how faculty, staff, mentors, and families can point out to students their roles and responsibilities as citizens in a democracy. Voting is a good start, and students will be enriched by realizing that they can be activists for social change.
- ▲ **Thumb:** None of the other fingers is of much use without an opposable thumb, and neither are the other components of civic engagement without a strong basis in service to the community. ▲





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Dean Buller and Professor Sandra McClain Bid the College Farewell

Jeffrey Buller, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Mary Baldwin for the past five years, announced he will depart from the college at the end of the academic year in June 2006 to assume another educational leadership position. Buller will serve as dean of the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College and professor of history at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). Buller's wife, Sandra McClain, adjunct associate professor of music, has accepted a full-time position as professor of music at FAU's main campus in Boca Raton.

"Dean Buller has been an outstanding colleague and friend," said MBC President Pamela Fox, telling the college community of the dean's departure. "His quick wit and keen intelligence inspire us all."

The husband-and-wife team contributed much to Mary Baldwin College during their tenures. Buller led undergraduate curriculum reform, initiated a faculty salary improvement plan, and co-authored the 10-year strategic plan, *Composing Our Future*. He served as a role model with continued contributions in the classroom, as a publishing scholar, and as an entertaining speaker who presented at conferences around the globe. McClain guided many talented voice students and offered her vocal flair to the community in performances.

A search committee recently began the task of identifying an interim dean of the college and vice president for academic affairs.

Fulbright Awards Honor Recipients, Benefit MBC

Vladimir Garkov, associate professor of chemistry, earned a Fulbright award to continue a project he started during a recent sabbatical in Spain. He will work to publish a chemistry textbook, for use by students at MBC and at other institutions, which blends the American liberal arts approach to education and the traditional model used in Bulgaria. He is working with colleagues at Bulgaria's University of Sophia to incorporate student-centered inquiry activities into lecture-based instruction, and to connect chemistry with environmental, societal, cultural, and humanistic aspects of science.

Daniel Métraux, professor of Asian studies, earned a Fulbright award that will help Mary Baldwin College expand its Asian studies curriculum and course offerings to include more study of China. Métraux will travel to several cities in China this summer with scholars from around the United States to experience the country's culture and history.

Best Wishes Go with Faculty Moving on

With appreciation for their work, Mary Baldwin College will bid adieu to several faculty members at the end of the 2005-06 academic year: *(dates in parentheses represent each person's starting year at MBC)*

Jean Donovan, associate professor of political science and health care administration (1992), accepted a position as dean of the school of nursing and allied health at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond.

Tom Kaplan, assistant professor of business administration (2002), will join Bondstone Ventures, a real estate development firm in Charlottesville, in project management.

Ed Petkus, associate professor of business administration (2002), accepted a position as associate professor of marketing at Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah.

Now After Much Hard Work — A Life of Leisure?

Four staff members were honored for their contributions to MBC before retiring this year:

Dreama Brown, associate budget coordinator (1977)

Judy Métraux, director of international programs and services (1988)

Tom Wiseman, mailroom assistant (1987)

Notable Achievements

Alice Araujo, associate professor of communication, and **Andreas Anastasiou**, assistant professor of psychology, gave a presentation at the National Communication Association conference in Boston. The topic: "Women, men, and the enemy other: Gender and the communication of empathy toward perceived adversarial groups."

Darryl Helems, Master of Arts in Teaching adjunct, and teaching partner Amanda Gibson wrote an article, "Embracing Multiple Intelligences Techniques with Gifted Students in the Classroom," published in *Virginia Journal of Education*.

Kenneth W. Keller, professor of history, authored an article, "Medicine as Cultural Baggage in the Ulster-Scots Settlements of the Valley of Virginia," that appeared in *Familia—Ulster Genealogical Review*. The magazine is printed in Ireland by the Ulster Historical Foundation.

Daniel Métraux, professor of Asian studies, received the 2006-07 Karl F. and Patricia H. Mern Award for Faculty Support and Development, which he will employ during his sabbatical in fall 2006. The award will allow him to travel to Japan to conduct research for articles and a lecture he has been commissioned to create. He will write an article about the significance of former President Ulysses S. Grant's 1879 trip to Japan, and another about Japanese religion for the magazine *Education About Asia*. In October, he is slated to deliver an address on Americans in Japan in the 1800s at the Conference on Democracy and Religion in Asia at the University of Washington.

Sharon Spalding, professor of physical education and exercise specialist for Virginia Women's Institute of Leadership, was quoted on KPHO radio in Phoenix and in *Better Homes and Gardens*. The topic was "Getting Started on Fitness."

The **Office of Communication, Marketing, and Public Affairs** earned three awards as part of the Council for Advancement of and Support of Education (CASE) District III 2005 Awards. Director of Design **Gretchen Newman** and Assistant Director of Design **Theresa Rollison** received an Award of Excellence for the President's Tea invitation and Rollison a Special Merit for the Spring Fling invitation. Newman, Associate Vice President for Communication, Marketing, and Public Affairs **Crista Cabe**, and Director of Communication **Carol Larson** received an Award of Excellence in the direct mail category for a series of Admissions materials.

Ward Balances Directorship of ADP and Its BRCC Office

Marion Ward thought, after serving MBC as assistant dean of students, director of residence life, adjunct instructor of women's studies, academic advisor in the Adult Degree Program (ADP), and director of an ADP regional center during the past 17 years, that her list of titles was complete. She was wrong. Beginning in January, Ward added director of ADP — the entire statewide network — to her Mary Baldwin résumé. Still working as director of the ADP's center at Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC), Ward spends about 60 percent of her time as director in Staunton and the other 40 percent managing the office at Blue Ridge.

"I was able to move into this position and feel very natural because of the other roles I've had at Mary Baldwin," Ward said. She finds countless ways as ADP director to use the experience she gained in other MBC positions, such as advising, counseling, and handling unique student issues.

Ward's appointment marks the first time the Adult Degree Program has had both a director and a dean of adult and graduate studies to oversee all the programs, and she is genuinely excited to be part of ADP's evolution. When Shelia Tolley, former director of operations for adult and graduate studies, left MBC in fall 2005, the administrative office was slightly reorganized to allow for a director who would oversee ADP central staff, review students' degree plans, and mentor ADP advisors, among other duties.

Although continuing in her role at BRCC is a scheduling challenge, Ward admits that it was her decision to do both jobs. "I love what I do there, particularly advising students, and I wanted to protect the continuity of how that center runs. Sue Schmeissing was promoted to full-time assistant director at BRCC to help us keep up with growing numbers," she said. Ward enjoys working with one of the oldest and most respected adult degree programs in the country and hopes she can help ADP run efficiently and seamlessly from student, to advisor, to professor, to administrator.

"The more efficient we are here, the better we support growth of the program and the better we serve our students," she said. ▲



The Woods and Joneses Lead an Increasingly Active Parents Association

The Parents Association has undergone some positive changes that will allow parents greater opportunity for support and engagement with MBC. The Parents Council has renamed itself and will be known as the Executive Committee of Parents Association. Every parent of a current Mary Baldwin student is a member of the Parents Association.

The Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Alumnae/i and Parent Relations Office, has been busy this year hosting gatherings for families in different geographical areas of the country and supporting admissions efforts. For information about activities and ways to become involved, parents may go online to: www.mbc.edu/parents/.

The current Executive Committee of the Parents Association is co-chaired by Bill and Wendy Wood and Harry and Allison Jones. Committee members are Carolyn Lucado Austin, Brenda Baker, John Cochran, Marianne and Ed Ferreol, Dorothy Eddy and Lowell Hott, Annie and Michael McAlexander, Edith Shelley, Ernestine and George Sledd, Rita and Charlie TenBroeck, Judy and Jeffrey Jorgensen, and Fred Banister. ▲



New Alumnae/i Class Leadership

As students in the residential college, they may have served in student government, or led a student organization, or not. Regardless of previous student leadership positions, as alumnae/i, they are now leading their classes in supporting the college and its strategic plan.

Dozens were called on by the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors to participate in Mary Baldwin College's inaugural Class Leadership Council April 21-23. In addition to receiving an update from MBC President Pamela Fox and members of the college's executive staff, and touring the campus, they elected class officers to lead Reunion programming and to solicit class and individual gifts for the college. Eventually, the Alumnae/i Board would like to have in place a system where officers are elected every five years — at Reunion — to keep classmates engaged with MBC by setting up mini-reunions, gathering information for class columns (formerly known as class notes in the magazine you are reading), and maintaining contact with the college about significant events. The Institutional Advancement team supports the Alumnae/i Board's efforts and is providing logistical support.

"As our strategic plan unfolds, Mary Baldwin's success requires the participation, engagement, and support of our alumnae/i," college leaders said in a letter to selected alumnae/i this spring. "Those colleges that are doing well are the ones that have a class leadership structure. We believe that the results of this new initiative will help position Mary Baldwin College as a national leader in liberal arts education."

The class leadership program is being piloted this year with alumnae/i who graduated in class years that end in 2, 3, 7, or 8. ▲



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RETROSPECT: The Tyson Years 1985–2003



Mary Baldwin College has just published *Retrospect: The Tyson Years 1985–2003* by Patricia Menk, professor emerita of history. The result of two years' work, the book details the challenges, innovations, and successes of the college during the long tenure of its eighth president, Cynthia Haldenby Tyson.

Menk thought she had written her last book about Mary Baldwin's history when she completed *To Live in Time*, a comprehensive history published in 1992 for the college sesquicentennial. She thought the new book would be a continuation of history rather than a biography of its president. However, as she quotes MBC Dean of the College Emeritus James Lott in the book, "It is unusual in modern higher education to see a college president serve as long as Cynthia has. And those years have not been particularly easy ones for the college or its president." Thus, Menk picked up her pen again at the behest of the college's Board of Trustees to write specifically about the Tyson years.

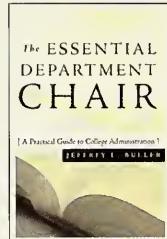
The book, in 10 sections and 116 pages, was heralded at book-signings for faculty, staff, alumnae/i, and friends of the college on April 6. That evening Drs. Tyson and Menk were feted at dinner in their honor with the board of trustees.

Menk also noted in the preface of *Retrospect* that she was "grateful to the

board of trustees for authorizing the writing of the book and in particular to Pamela Fox, the present president of Mary Baldwin College, who so generously gave her time and understanding. She, too, is a remarkable woman."

Retrospect: The Tyson Years 1985–2003 is on sale for \$18 in the college's Alumnae/i Association Gift Shop, Mary Baldwin Bookstore, and at The Bookstack in downtown Staunton.

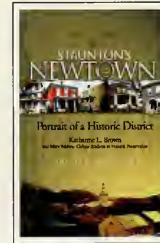
The Essential Department Chair



Yet another book from the Mary Baldwin family — this one the beginning of a series of books — has been published: *The Essential Department Chair, A Practical Guide to College Administration* by Jeffrey Boller, vice president of academic affairs and dean of the college. "This is the book I never intended to write," said Boller. Based on a series of workshops he presented for faculty and administrative development, he wrote an article and submitted it to the quarterly journal *The Department Chair*. After several subsequent articles, Anker Publishers took note and asked Boller to expand the articles into a book.

The day the book went to press, Anker requested another one, which will be 48 chapters long and titled *The Essential Academic Dean* to be published within the coming year. *The Essential Department Chair* is on sale at Amazon.com and other booksellers.

Staunton's Newtown: Portrait of a Historic District



"How would you like to be co-authors on my next book?" That was one of the first questions posed by Katharine Brown, adjunct professor of history, in her Historic Preservation class in 2005. Brown has taught the course at Mary Baldwin College for close to 25 years. She realized her students had written quite a bit about the city's history — particularly of the Newtown District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Their final project requires them to research a building and write it up as if they were writing a nomination narrative for a listing on the National Register of Historic Places. That stack of student papers was incarnated in her latest book, *Staunton's Newtown: Portrait of a Historic District*.

"It was a lot of fun working with student papers and adding my own narrative to fill in parts here and there," Brown said. She counted about 28 student papers used in the book, including those from students in the Class of 2005 and from previous years back to 1985, all of whom are credited in the manuscript.

More than 250 photographs, maps, and drawings throughout the book help illustrate the story from Newtown's formation in 1787 to its recent rediscovery and revival. *Staunton's Newtown* is available at the MBC Bookstore, The Bookstack in Staunton, and from Lot's Wife Publishing, of which Brown is a co-founder. ▲

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Wondering how your favorite MBC team is doing?

For up-to-date sports scores and features, visit www.mbc.edu/athletics.

Records are noted in the following order: wins-losses-ties, unless otherwise specified

Basketball

Highlights: Jessica Carter '08 was named most outstanding player in the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference. She averaged 17.8 points per game and shot better than 82% from the free-throw line.

Conference Record: 9-3 Overall Record: 12-15

Softball

Highlights: The team entered the AWCC conference tournament May 5 as one of the top seeds. Junior Jessica Brown was ranked 13th in the nation for runs batted in (RBIs) with an average of 1.33 per game, and junior Mina Uejima was ranked 42nd in stolen bases with an average of .63 per game.

Conference Record: 11-1 Overall Record: 18-18

Swimming

Highlights: The 200 Medley Relay team and 200 Freestyle Medley team earned first place and set records at an early-season meet at Chatham College.

Conference Record: 1-3 Overall Record: 2-5

Tennis

Highlights: The tennis team won three matches in spite of having only four players. Typically, a team has at least six players, and the MBC team's smaller number meant they had to forfeit events and start each match with a three-point deficit.

Overall record: 3-8

*Tennis is not an official sport in the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference (AWCC); therefore, MBC does not have conference statistics.

FIGHTING SQUIRRELS



AWCC

All-Conference Players

Katie Spicer	swimming	second team
Lizzie Coltrane	swimming	honorable mention
Maggie Connelly	swimming	honorable mention
Shona Fenner	swimming	honorable mention
Jessica Carter	basketball	first team
Katrina Scruggs	basketball	second team
Lindsay Callison	basketball	honorable mention
Rayna Henry	basketball	honorable mention



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The
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A special place to showcase artistic work by students, faculty, and professionals — and the intern who makes it happen.

By Dawn Medley

TAKE A PEEK into the 50x30-foot space on the first floor of Lyda B. Hunt Dining Hall one month and you might glimpse the work of an acclaimed artist such as Milo Russell, Joan Gaustad, or Chica Teney. Come back another month, and you could see the yet-undiscovered talent of Mary Baldwin College students. At another time, you might find an intriguing exhibit of work by professors such as Paul Ryan, Anne Hanger, and Jim Sconyers.

This is the beauty and the simplicity of Hunt Gallery. Student, faculty, alumnae, and other professional work has been shown alternately in the same white-walled, checkerboard-floored arena since 1983. Prior to that, formal art displays were essentially homeless, according to College Archivist William Pollard. The art department was housed on the ground floor of Martha Grafton Library when it opened in 1960, and art was largely dis-

played in the rooms and corridors of that building. The practice of displaying a few pieces lingered until a few years ago, Pollard said. In keeping with the tradition of displaying art in Grafton, a room with glass doors on the main level of the library was recently set up by Jim Sconyers, assistant professor of photography, as a small printmaking and photography gallery.

The art department, and most of its art, moved to Bertie Murphy Deming Fine Arts Center when the college purchased it as part of the former Staunton Military Academy campus in the mid-1970s. Department offices, studios, and classrooms are located there today, and the hallway space on the first floor is designated as Deming Alternative Gallery for displaying student work.

More than just a place to hang or display art, as the primary on-campus gallery, Hunt is a classroom, an opportunity to



Above: Susan Paul Firestone's '68 show *Psychic Stages* in Hunt Gallery, February 2006

PHOTO BY JIM SCONVERS



Photos right, top to bottom: Suzanna Fields, *Sweet Release*, acrylic, 2004; Chica Teney sorts her paintings for her March 2006 exhibit in Hunt Gallery; Jilah Moon, *Bosch's trip to the East*, acrylic and oil on paper, 2003; Martha MacLeish, *untitled*, oil on canvas over shaped wood, 2003

interact with practicing artists, a community arena for ideas, and student preparation for the "real world" of exhibiting, Ryan said. "The gallery also provides internship opportunities every year, which has proven valuable for students who go on to graduate school and for others in their professional work."

Natural light from a wall of southwest-facing windows, plaster walls, and lack of climate control are continual challenges for arranging shows in Hunt Gallery, but Ryan said it has two distinct advantages: its location at the center of campus and its compact size. "The space is exhibition-friendly and flexible for different types of shows. Through [MBC President] Dr. Fox's long-range planning, we are working to alleviate some of its issues," he said.

An upgraded gallery would open up creative possibilities. Adding climate control would make it possible to accommodate historical shows, and other updates could help

bring contemporary shows that involve fragile or sensitive materials, or those which require sophisticated video monitors, digital projectors, or computers, Ryan said.

Gallery intern Melissa Baldwin '06 knows the eccentricities and charms of MBC's showcase room as well as anyone. During a full year of work — most students intern for one semester — she has helped set up nearly a dozen shows, contacted artists, written press releases and artist bios, and is working to catalog more than 10 years of previous shows.

"I had been attending gallery openings since my freshman year, but I didn't realize there was an opportunity for student involvement for a while," said Baldwin, a double major in studio art and art history,



Melissa Baldwin '06

and a painter herself. "I am thrilled to have the position now. Every show is different, and it's enlightening to talk to the artists before their shows, and then meet them."

Aside from helping set up monthly displays, Baldwin's primary project has been to organize slides, pictures, artist information, and correspondence back to 1992, when Ryan started teaching at MBC. She has created hard-copy files for each artist that will allow people to find pictures, exhibit dates, and artist information in a snap.

In early spring, Baldwin — the intern who kept busy organizing other artists' shows — was preparing to set up her own. She was humbled by the thought that her name would join the list of the year's exhibitors, some who have done shows nationally and internationally.

Carolyn Henne, Sally Bowring, Susan Firestone '68, Melissa Baldwin '06. Not bad company. Not bad at all. ▲

At once a student and faculty member, Diane Line directs the MBCA/WIL Band and prepares for her own college graduation day

Standing the Line



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COURTESY OF THE WIL OFFICE

By Dawn Murray

Diane Line is a movie music junkie. She admires that most of her CD collection is movie soundtracks. But she's not talking about the frivolous scores of *Scary Movie* or *Romy & Michelle's High School Reunion*. Those that stir her are soundtracks such as *The Patriot*, *Kaifers of the Lost Ark*, and *Lord of the Rings*.

"I can't say I've ever gone to a movie just to hear the soundtrack, but I have missed parts of the action because I've had my eyes closed to listen to the music," she said.

Line's passion for inspired movie music serves her well in her dual role at Mary Baldwin College. As a student in the Adult Degree Program majoring in music and as director of the MBC/VWIL marching band, music is basically her life. In her office on the second floor of the house occupied by the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership on the Staunton campus, books for her senior thesis on Mozart's *Requiem* and courses in history and American literature share space with pictures of her tuning up with Mary Baldwin cadets and marching in the Ohio State University band.

"Mary Baldwin has probably been the single greatest thing to happen in my life — from my first conversation with my advisor, Lallon Pond [associate professor of business administration], I knew it was right," she said.

After a hiatus from higher education of nearly 25 years, Line returned to the classroom as a music history major at MBC in January 2005. Less than a month later, she was working as director of the college's marching band, which had just started to incorporate non-VWIL students. A month after that, she was on a charter bus with the band, headed for New York City and the group's most her-

alded performance — as part of that city's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Things continue to move fast. In preparation for graduation in May, Line balanced 18 credit hours — including a senior thesis — with early morning rehearsals, weekly evening section practice, staff meetings, and performances in parades on campus and off, including a second trip to NYC. Seldom boastful, she is proud to acknowledge that she has maintained a 3.76 overall GPA.

Line grew up in southwestern Ohio, outside Cincinnati, where her mother was a professional musician who played flute in city and regional symphonies and tutored students in the instrument. Line started taking piano lessons at age seven, and by 14 she was playing the French horn in public appearances. "Music was everywhere in my house," she said.

Line was a music education major at Ohio State University in 1981 when she joined the Air Force and chose to serve in the band. She was stationed at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton Roads, Virginia, and traveled frequently in Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland for band performances as a French horn player. Line compares playing in a military band to the work of a public relations officer; in fact, band units are organized as part of the public relations function of the armed forces, and are intended to build morale and recruit members, Line explained. As the MBC/VWIL Band grows, Line hopes it will serve that purpose at MBC.

"There are so many opportunities for the role of the band to expand," she said, citing the potential for performances at sporting events and college-wide activities such as Apple Day.

The band is currently composed of about 40 students, nine of whom are not

in VWIL. Band Director Line and Brigadier General Michael Bissell, commandant of cadets, are working toward a 60-member band that would include about 30 non-cadet students, but its success isn't strictly measured in numbers.

"We have been given freedom to try new things, like non-military marches," said Line, who even figured out a way to sneak one of her favorite movie pieces, composer John Williams' majestic theme from *The Patriot*, into the line-up. "The things I'm learning in class about mid- to late-19th-century music are the basis for many of the sweeping musical scores in movies. Those pieces work well for the band, too," she said.

The Lexington Christmas Parade in 2005 brought about Line's proudest moment with the MBC/VWIL Band. "It was Lexington at night, and they looked so sharp when they did a half turn and played in front of the judges' stand. I was overwhelmed," said Line. The unit won best marching band in the parade — beating Virginia Military Institute on its home turf for the fourth time.

Her unique position as an ADP student and a faculty member carries more benefits than just being able to park almost anywhere on campus. She has recruited fellow classmates to join the band, and she enjoys interacting with band members in class and around campus, beyond rehearsals. Line plans to continue as band director after graduation, and she will have more time to give private lessons — which she has done for several years — and play with the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Concert Band near her home in Massanutton, Virginia.

"I truly believe there's more to come from the band, and I plan to see it through," she said. ▲



An Exceptional Celebration:



TULLIDGE HALL

By Jenny Howard

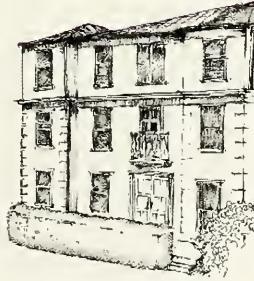
TWENTY YEARS AGO they numbered just 11. Today their average is 75. Back then they lived in Tullidge Residence Hall. Today they reside in a state-of-the-art facility on the former site of Bailey Residence Hall.

What has stayed the same in the 20-year history of the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) at Mary Baldwin College is the commitment to give extraordinary young women the chance to fulfill their academic potential earlier in life. For the last two decades PEG, still the only residential program of its kind in the nation, has given academically gifted high school-age women the opportunity to begin college one to four years early.

On March 31 PEG celebrated its 20-year milestone, welcoming back former students, staff, and directors, including alumnae dating back to the charter class.



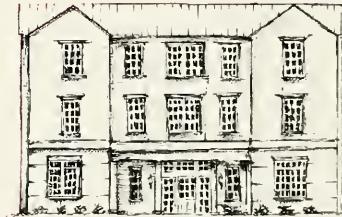
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SOUTH BAILEY HALL



KABLE RESIDENCE HALL



PEG CENTER

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"It's cool to see people who have done this before," said Nakita Hanson '06.

Christine "Tee" Garrison, the first director of PEG, shared slides and anecdotes of the early days of the program. "These were bright, capable kids who were bored in their schools," she told the crowd. "At Mary Baldwin they were in a group of intellectual peers and could feel good about themselves."

Celeste Rhodes, former director and executive director of PEG, also spoke of the challenges and victories. Rhodes thanked the earliest alumnae who had come on "a wing and a prayer" and their families for having the courage to send their daughters to such a new program. One of her key goals was achieved when then-President Cynthia Haldenby Tyson wrote a letter to the Malone Family Foundation articulating the college's long-term commitment to PEG.

Razel Solow, director of PEG research,

and her associate, Emma Leed Branch '05, presented highlights from their research study funded by the Malone Family Foundation and conducted over the past three years. Solow received a contract for her book *Lives of Purpose*, which will detail findings from the study. The book will look at PEG graduates and examine five in depth, covering topics like popular misconceptions about gifted individuals. It is likely to be published near the end of 2007. Research for the project was begun by Rhodes, who retired due to illness but remains a consultant.

Four current PEG students discussed their work mentoring local elementary and middle school students in two area schools: McSwain Elementary and Stuart Hall. Pia Adolphsen '09, Samantha Smith '09, Joanna Bischoff '09, and Emily Mindrebo '09 have advised students on Battle of the Books, a reading program, as well as

Passion Projects, a task in which students pursue interests ranging from volcanoes to an original Claymation film, and a geodesic dome made of newspaper.

Six former PEG students spoke of their experiences in the program as well as life after PEG. The alumnae panel included Dori Akerman '92, Diana Ballard '91, Rose Chu Beck '92, Damaris Christensen '90, Mary Rebekah Cox Hadfield '92, and Anne Byford '89. They regaled the crowd with tales of what it's like to be the youngest person in your first job after college and how fortunate it is to make mistakes early in life with extra time to explore options.

Elizabeth Connell '92, current director of PEG, summed up the feeling of many in attendance at the reunion. "It's a place where young women come to develop who they are," she said. "And who they can be." ▲



Student Ingenuity Showcased at First Capstone Festival

By Dawn Medley

Some colleges and universities don't offer it. Others do, but students have to make a point of asking for it. At Mary Baldwin College and very few other institutions, it is a requirement.

"It" is a significant, original research or creative project by undergraduates — as the culminating effort of a student's senior year at MBC. The senior thesis is part of a group of activities that get students ready for life after college. Recently termed the Capstone Experience, it is a vital component of the Mary Baldwin College Advantage. It is not only innovative, it is inspiring.

"It gives you a feeling of esteem — more than if you had just completed coursework," said senior Nakita Hanson, who finished her project in spring semester. Her thesis examined why Americans are drowning in debt at a younger age. "For me, it represented closure of my undergraduate years and gave me confidence that I have learned the work ethic and skills to do what will be necessary to write graduate papers or a dissertation."

Topics are as varied as MBC students' backgrounds and imaginations. Hanson's was one of an elite group nominated for a new event this year, the Capstone Festival, that showcased exceptional senior projects for the entire college community during May Term. A quick survey of the list of entries on page 21 gives a glimpse of the intellectual diversity students display in any given year. The first Capstone Festival was held May 3 in celebration of authentic academic achievement.

The process each senior goes through demonstrates MBC's faith in its students' abilities and inventiveness. Although the process differs slightly among disciplines, a few things are constant and clear: Students propose and develop their topic; they conduct experiments, interviews, and research; they present their projects in a public forum; and they defend their work for an audience of peers, professors, and guests. With the Capstone Festival a reality, a select number of students go one step beyond the normal process to present their work at the festival.

Paul Callo, assistant professor of biology, said the range of topics often pushes professors outside their comfort zones, too. He advised four projects this year, which included a survey of blood parasites in Hooded Warbler populations, a study conducted in Idaho of the influence of hunting pressure on habitat selection in ducks, and the effect of a common brand of weed killer on tadpole development.

The journey from inspiration to presentation of one of Callo's advisees, Kira Cherrix, provides a model of the senior project process. At an individual advising session in March, outfitted with her Dell Inspiron laptop, Cherrix got down to business updating the professor about the data her mice produced. She brought up graphs and spreadsheets showing their calorie consump-

tion, weight, and carbon dioxide and oxygen production, and spoke with confidence about her findings and next steps. How did she get from the kernel of an idea to this point, and where would it go from there?

Cherrix's study started with a clean

slate. Some academic departments at MBC guide student projects by setting an overall topic that students work within. Biology majors can design almost any research they choose — as long as it can be conducted at the college or an approved off-site location. Her original idea was to determine if there is a correlation between blood types and hypoglycemia, but human subjects are off-limits at MBC.

Cherrix moved on to other mammals and remembered a question that had come up at a friend's senior thesis defense at Mary Baldwin the previous year. Cherrix's friend had not been able to go back into the lab to answer an inquiry about how artificial sweeteners affect the metabolic rate and calorie intake of mice. Cherrix decided she would continue the study, building on the foundation laid by the alumna.

When the topic was set, the mice arrived, 21 of them. During the four-week experimentation period, Cherrix learned to deal with live subjects, and she was grateful there was no need to revise her original thesis. The penultimate step was writing a substantial paper — made a bit easier for

"It gives you a feeling of esteem — more than if you had just completed coursework."

— NAKITA HANSON '06

Senior Projects Nominated for MBC's First Capstone Festival:

Sade Araballo

Ashley Barksdale

Sarah Becker

Sarah Benkendorf

Harriet Blackwell

Jessica Cannon

Kira Cherrix

Allison Ford

Nakita Hanson

Tomesha Hart

Lanaé Hawkins

Johnice Hill

Stephanie Hooper

Hilary Hott

Megan Huffman

Tiffany Jackson

Therese Landin

Cara Magolda

Jill Montgomery

Angela Paschal

Ellis Raiford

Rachel Rorer

Lauren Sobers

Samantha Sprole

Belena Stuart

Heather Tyler

Blacks in Catholicism

Why Am I Not a Mexican? Mexican Nationalism and Indigenous Identity

Drug Induction and Neutralization of Schizophrenia and Parkinson's Disease in Mice

Musical Selections from Senior Voice Recital

Where Did She Go? An Analysis of Media Coverage of Missing Black Women

The Puzzling Mysteries of Life

The Effects of Nuclear Testing on the People and Environment of Nevada

Mathematical Issues Related to Structural Treatment Interruption in HIV Dynamics

The Life Cycle Hypothesis of Saving Is Dead; Long Live the Life Cycle Hypothesis

Aggressive Music and Adolescents: Does Music Negatively Influence Adolescent Behavior?

The Creation of the Baldwin Program Board Website

Mount Zion Congregational Church: Finances, Work of Women, and Daily Operations, 1879-1890

Oh Give Me Land: Exploitation and Abuse of Land Legislation in the West

1: Excerpts from Senior Repertoire, musical presentation

2: Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis: Egr-1 and Sp3 Induction

Headspace Analysis of Incense

The FBI Sabotage of Marcus Garvey as He Followed the Philosophy of Booker T. Washington

1: A Study of Body Composition Testing Methods of the United States Air Force

2: Do We Always Support Our Troops? An Analysis of Public Opinion and the Military in America

Continuity of Care for Low-Birth-Weight Infants in Virginia's Neonatal Intensive Care Units

Deere & Company

Woman's Eye View

TIME :: CHANGE, an art presentation

'To Kill and Destroy' Death by Law: The Wolf in Colonial Virginia

The Development of the Modern American Interstate Highway System

The Quest Program: Student Spirituality in Motion

Why Has the Democracy Movement in Burma Been Unsuccessful?

Henry Agard Wallace's Shift to Practical Politics

Cherrix because her research seemed to be showing the effect she anticipated. As the college intended, the paper tied together many parts of her studies at MBC, reaching beyond biology. Then, like her friend the year before, she defended her research and conclusions with a presentation to professors, classmates, and other interested people. She was asked pointed questions and needed to think on her feet.

Interestingly, results and data are often not the only, or even the major, aspect on which professors judge student performance. "We are at least as interested, if not more interested, in how you deal with the obstacles in your research — how you redesign or get around them — as we

are in the data," said Lundy Pentz, associate professor of biology, to students in a mid-semester biology senior seminar class. "The goal is that you have the experience of research. Making a wonderful discovery is an added benefit."

But Cherrix was not nervous. In fact, the process was old hat for her, as she had already written and delivered a senior thesis in history the previous semester. She also earned a Capstone Festival nomination for that work about the effects of nuclear testing on the people and environment of Nevada. She's planning to use and expand on it for graduate school entrance essays.

"The [Capstone] festival will, I think,

motivate people to do well on their senior projects so they can be part of it. You put so much effort into your thesis and it's rewarding to have others recognize that," Cherrix said.

While still in the midst of her biology project, Cherrix presented her history thesis at the regional meeting of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society, in Lexington, Virginia. Her paper earned second prize in the American history undergraduate section, and she'll receive an award and certificate from the national organization.

Cherrix's advice for not sweating the senior project: "Start early ... as early as you're comfortable. Enjoy it. It's the last thing you'll do here. It will be your legacy." ▲

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A Major Minor Undertaking



Conflict. It can be as petty as siblings fighting over who gets to play with a video game first — or as tragic as the tension between Arabs and Israelis that has led to the loss of thousands of lives. Peace. The easy part is knowing you want it. A new minor dealing with such issues debuts at Mary Baldwin College in fall 2006.

Philosophy/Religion: A Combination That Works

A single department that houses philosophy and religion is a bit of an anomaly, even at a small, liberal arts college, explained Owen. "Most colleges and universities separate the two into distinct disciplines," he said.

So why has MBC retained a combined department? Its full-time faculty has dual interests in both philosophical and religious theories and practice. Professor of Religion James Gilman holds degrees in both divinity and philosophy. Professor of Philosophy and Assistant Dean of the College Edward Scott, who holds a PhD in philosophy, is also pastor of Allen Chapel AME in Staunton. Owen studied philosophy and religion at the undergraduate level, focused his graduate studies in ethics, and completed his doctoral studies by analyzing the moral and spiritual development of college students. Almost all faculty in the department have social, political, and personal commitments to mediation as well. Gilman is a certified mediator, and both he and Owen actively support mediation services through the regional Community Mediation Center, which helps citizens and organizations reach creative, harmonious solutions before involving the legal system.

The full-time faculty is rounded out with four professors who instruct some philosophy and religion courses in addition to other campus responsibilities. Several professors from other disciplines, whose courses are cross-listed in the academic catalog, and a number of adjunct professors complete the lineup.

Philosophy and religion's position as a single discipline allows for smooth cooperation with other departments and for support of collegewide goals. Students have the opportunity to choose a major in philosophy, or religion, or a combination of the two. Minors in philosophy, religion, and ministry are also offered. The department works with other disciplines on community outreach efforts, such as the annual Martin Luther King Jr. March for Peace and Justice, the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Ethics Bowl, the college's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and newly emerging community service and service learning opportunities.

By Dawn Medley

The college's new minor in peacemaking and conflict resolution responds to growing concern about how to encourage peaceful solutions to conflicts that rage around the globe. The program will provide the world with a few more people each year who are educated in peace studies, said Roderic Owen, professor of philosophy and coordinator of the minor.

"It's one type of academic response to the college's focus on global citizenship in a diverse world. Part of understanding diversity is to learn how cultures and religions deal with conflict and unrest," said Owen.

Mary Baldwin's commitment to promoting cross-cultural understanding is well established. During the 1970s, studies were focused primarily on Western philosophical thought and Judeo/Christian religion, as they were at most philosophy and religion programs at American colleges and universities. The addition of Asian studies at MBC in the early 1980s signaled an expansion in course offerings, and philosophy and religion was one of the first departments to extend its curriculum as well. The two departments have a close relationship, sharing several courses and working together on new initiatives.

Philosophy and religion again demonstrated its desire for diverse studies by spearheading the creation of a minor in African American studies nearly a decade ago. The department's strength continues to reside in its collaboration with other academic departments at MBC, and its ability to make connections with pertinent local and global issues. The addition of a second interdisciplinary minor under the philosophy/religion umbrella is further testament to that collaboration. Peacemaking and conflict resolution will include three required courses — nine hours — that cover communication, psychology, philosophy, and religion fundamentals. An additional nine hours can be chosen from a broad range of courses in subjects from anthropology to sociology. Three hours of internship credit round out the program. The minor's only new course, taught by Owen, will focus on Ghandi's life and teachings.

Owen has been contemplating the idea of a peace studies program for nearly a decade, and now the elements are in place for the college to support it, he said. The addition of faculty members in communication, psychology, and sociology, and new course offerings collegewide that study relationships between races, cultures, and genders, while emphasizing service, create an environment where peace studies can flourish.

Mahala Burn '07, biology major and religion minor, said several of the courses she has taken have been rooted in intercultural and interfaith understanding. "Faith, Life, and Service allowed students of many faiths to connect and speak of spiritual issues in an academic setting," she said. "Science and Religion addressed the conflict between the faith in the divine and faith in scientific law, and offered possible resolutions."

The peacemaking minor also connects with MBC's new General Education program (followed by all students), as well as an emerging international body of research and practice focused on mediation, peacemaking, and nonviolent conflict

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resolution. There is a growing interest in understanding cross-cultural and multi-cultural group interaction at the college and in the larger community. More than 250 similar undergraduate programs exist around the country, and MBC's will look at peacemaking from religious and secular viewpoints in local, regional, and global contexts, Owen said.

Students who complete the minor will be prepared to enter graduate programs in the field. Among the professional options for those who study the discipline are working at peace centers around the world, writing policy for government agencies, and using principles of conflict resolution in almost any field.

Jessica Carrigo '09 was full of questions after hearing about the minor for the first time, but she quickly start-

ed thinking about how well it would fit into her educational plans. "I'm really interested in the course on Gandhi," said Carrigo, who is leaning toward a major in psychology. "I'd also like to explore the psychological components of peacemaking, like, is the ability to create peaceful solutions linked to certain parts of the brain?"

The new minor will further complement the Mary Baldwin College Advantage by encouraging community service, internships, and international education opportunities. It will also enhance Quest, an MBC signature program that encourages spiritual growth through community service, coursework, discussion, and co-curricular activities. Burn said her membership in Quest, which is directed by college chaplain,

Rev. Patricia Hunt, encourages her to be "more understanding and open-minded."

McCall Carter '07 was one of a few students who learned about the minor in its early stages in spring 2006. "My dream job is to work for the United Nations," said Carter, a philosophy and political science major. "Focusing my efforts to study peacemaking and complete this minor will benefit me immensely in a role in that organization."

MBC's initiative to create a peace-making and conflict resolution minor responds to student and faculty interest, and it reflects well on the college, Carter said. "It is an important subject today because U.S. foreign policy is heavy on the military side. The country and the world could use more people who are aware of alternative solutions." ▲



A Global Perspective: 'It's Up to Me ...' Says May '06

Elizabeth May '06 says the seeds for her desire to study acts of genocide — primarily those perpetrated during the Holocaust — were planted early in her life by her humanitarian parents. Her childhood was spent among Native Americans in North Carolina where her father worked as an Indian Health Service pharmacist at Cherokee Indian Hospital. Although she realizes, looking back at pictures of birthday parties and sports teams, that she was the ethnic minority in that area, she never once felt singled out because of it. The unconditional

acceptance May felt growing up makes events like the Holocaust all the more unbelievable and horrendous to her.

May started at Mary Baldwin as a psychology major, but soon realized her interest in humanity grew out of curiosity about persecution and survival. With her academic advisor Daniel Stuhlsatz, assistant professor of sociology, she developed an independent major in Holocaust and genocide studies. May combined many of the disciplines and elements that would later come together in MBC's new minor in

A Global Perspective: Htut Appreciates '... So Many Freedoms'



'When you come from a place like I do, though, you really appreciate the government and the peace here. You have so many freedoms and can make your voices heard without punishment. I have the advantage of knowing how important that is.'

"It has been a long journey," said Aye Htut, referring to her college education. Htut, 28, graduated from high school in her native Burma — now called Union of Myanmar — 10 years ago, and she recently finished her first semester at Mary Baldwin College.

Political instability and frequent university closures in her home country forced her to seek higher education in Singapore, where she attended classes at no cost for three years in exchange for her commitment to work in that country for the next three years. Her family's circumstances finally improved enough to allow her to come to the United States for education a few years ago, and she enrolled at California State University. MBC is her fourth — and, she hopes, final — step toward earning an undergraduate degree that has taken nearly a dozen years and spanned three countries.

The state of political unrest in Burma, a country controlled by military regimes since 1962, is no secret. In 1988, counter-government uprisings sparked violent retorts by authorities, and Htut's family was not spared in the ongoing strife. During her childhood, her father was repeatedly jailed for supposed government opposition and came close to dying in prison before he was

permanently released.

Htut found Mary Baldwin through alumna and fellow Burmese native Lin Lin Aung '03, who worked with Htut's mother in Bangkok, Thailand.

She is living in a residence hall on campus for the first time in her undergraduate career and enjoys the cultural exchange that seems to come so easily for other MBC students. Htut believes that anything the college does to encourage that exchange, as well as ways that learning about other cultures can lead to peace, is a move in the right direction.

"It's human nature to complain, especially about politics and government, and, of course, that includes people in America," Htut said. "When you come from a place like I do, though, you really appreciate the government and the peace here. You have so many freedoms and can make your voices heard without punishment. I have the advantage of knowing how important that is."

Htut would like to attend graduate school after Mary Baldwin to prepare herself for a return to Burma. "I am one of many people hoping for change for the better in my country. When that time comes, we want to be ready to return and offer our skills to our people," she said.

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"I want to understand how a person can kill another person with a clear conscience or commit other horrendous crimes, and still go home at night, tuck in the children, and be able to sleep. It's up to me, and the other people who study this history, to figure out how that happens and stop it from repeating," May said.

Tapping into courses in psychology, sociology, history, marketing communication, philosophy and religion, and political science, May's major is truly interdiscipli-

nary. Her professors' expertise and guidance have helped her create independent study courses — classes that she organizes with professors one-on-one — such as Sociological Impact of the Nuremberg Laws, and Nazi Propaganda.

As a junior, May attended the national Peacemakers Training Institute, sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Pennsylvania. The group of students from across the country covered difficult issues, such as poverty, industry, politics, treatment of migrant workers, and

food production in an effort to examine peace, May said. With the creation of the minor in peacemaking, Professor Roderic Owen hopes to nominate at least one Mary Baldwin student each year for that conference. In spring 2006, May interned with the Human Rights Campaign in Washington DC, continuing her exposure to ideas about how inequality leads to conflict.

"I can think of nothing more important than instruction in learning how to live harmoniously," she said.

Charlotte Jackson Berry '51 Defines Civic Engagement



PHOTO BY IAN BRADSHAW

Her civic engagement began in childhood — she collected dimes for the American Red Cross and raised \$13 for the children's milk charity fund. It was only a matter of time before she took on ever greater roles in community service.

When Charlotte Jackson Berry '51 "talked the talk" about civic service as Mary Baldwin College's 2006 Commencement speaker May 21, the audience was assured that she has also "walked the walk." She spoke about the reality of community activism and volunteerism in a way that only one, who has connected deeply with the topic, can. She grew up in a family that believed helping others was part of life, and her own service started early. Her whole life's work was all the preparation she needed for this — her second — Mary Baldwin Commencement address.

"In 1989, I spoke at Mary Baldwin's Commencement about women's struggle between being a career woman or a homemaker. My advice was to do what makes you happy and is the most benefit to those around you," said Berry.

"Women's roles have changed, as we expected they would, but my advice still holds true and applies directly to volunteerism, too. There is a growing movement that, no matter what other decisions one makes in life, he or she should give back with their time, talents, and treasures," she said.

First as Charlotte Marshall Jackson (her maiden name), then as Charlotte Jackson Lunsford (the name of her first husband, who passed away in 1980), and now as Charlotte Jackson Berry (the name of her current husband, also an active volunteer), she continues to blaze a path of inspiring community service. She was recently in Moldova — a poor Eastern European country that was formerly part of the Soviet Union — to aid grassroots volunteer organizations.

It was a different Mary Baldwin College when Charlotte Marshall Jackson commenced in 1951. Students in that decade climbed the same steep hills as today's students, but in loafers and ankle socks instead of platforms or flip-flops. They played bridge in The Club and attended Book Teas at the library in lieu of hearing comedians in the Nuthouse or seeing current movies in Francis (with free popcorn). However, young Charlotte Jackson's goal of serving the world around her is shared by many students at Mary Baldwin today.

"The scenario is much more global now. We didn't use to talk about international volunteerism, but that is the imperative today," Berry said. "Students are encouraged to think about service not only as an activity, but also as an academic experience."

Charlotte Jackson was a tireless student. From the 1951 *Bluestocking* yearbook,

one learns that she was from Memphis, Tennessee, and a candidate for a bachelor of arts in psychology. The book also reveals that, in addition to being May Queen, she was head of house in Rose Terrace, and a member of the Student Government Association's executive committee and Student Council. She belonged to several athletic groups, including Dolphin Club (promoting swimming), Monogram Club (sports participation and sportsmanship), swimming, basketball, Athletic Association, and YWCA committee. Not surprisingly, she was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

After graduation, Jackson put her degree to work in the field of mental health. For the only child of a wealthy real estate developer, it was an awakening to see how people with mental illness were stigmatized. Her memory of watching patients through slats in door windows of isolation rooms refuses to fade.

Soon after she married Dr. Lewis Lunsford, a cardiologist, they moved to Asheville, North Carolina where she would begin her work as a passionate and committed volunteer. During the next 12 years, Charlotte Lunsford gave her time and energy to United Way, Asheville Symphony, Pisgah Girl Scout Council, and numerous other organizations. Although she has lived elsewhere for many years, she has not lost touch with Asheville and was awarded a lifetime achievement award by United Way many years after she left the area. She was also named Woman of the Year in 1981 in Asheville in recognition of her community activism.

She amassed a list of "firsts" that speak to her success: first woman board member for Wachovia Bank in North Carolina, first woman president of Asheville's United Way, first woman to receive the Asheville Chamber of Commerce Big "A" Award for community service, and first female chair of the Asheville Country Day School Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Lunsford lost her first husband in 1980. She continued her work, accepting ever greater civic leadership roles until becoming the national chairwoman of volunteers for American Red Cross in 1986. That position took her across the United States and abroad, earned her the respect and admiration of so many, including that organization's president, Elizabeth Dole —

and introduced her to volunteer Joe Berry, an attorney and the man she would marry in 1991. They moved to Columbia, South Carolina.

By then the consummate volunteer, Mrs. Berry's impact swept into Columbia while she worked through the years for more than 40 nonprofit organizations in her city of residence and beyond. She earned the highest national recognition for volunteer service in American Red Cross — the Harriman Award — and was selected as Humanitarian of the Year by United Way in Columbia, among countless awards. Her loyalty, love, and dedication to

Mary Baldwin College have been steady and instrumental. Berry was president of the Mary Baldwin College Alumnae/i Association from 1960 to 1962. She accepted a position on the college's Advisory Board of Visitors in 1973, and in 1976 she became an MBC trustee, a position she held until last year and will resume in July 2006. In 1982, she was honored for her distinguished service to alumnae with the Emily Smith Medallion, and she received the Sesquicentennial Medallion in 1992. She used her considerable fundraising skills as a volunteer in Mary Baldwin's New Dimensions Campaign and Sesquicentennial Campaign, and was co-chair of the record-breaking Leadership Initiative.

She came happily — which seems her constant state of being — to share her views about civic engagement on Commencement Day 2006. To those who know her, Charlotte Marshall Jackson Lunsford Berry, mother, grandmother, wife, humanitarian, philanthropist, is the very definition of civic engagement.

"I am delighted to be speaking on this topic. It lends itself to so many avenues and opportunities for graduates, all students, and, frankly, each of us," she said.

It may be irony or simple coincidence, but many people must be happy Berry did not take literally the message of her Commencement speaker in 1951. At that ceremony, Marten ten Hoor, dean at University of Alabama, urged students to focus on self-improvement before helping others, or "education for privacy," as he referred to it.

Gracefully, gratefully, and ever full of charm, Charlotte Marshall Jackson Lunsford Berry has made selfless actions one of the highest forms of self-improvement. ▲



Berry in 1951



Senior World: 1951

MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE

- ▲ mid-calf-length skirt in solid or plaid
- ▲ sweater set or tailored jacket
- ▲ loafers and ankle socks
- ▲ pearls
- ▲ "Bob" hairstyle, one of several versions from "shingle" to "charm" as advertised by Osborne's Beauty Salon in the 1951 yearbook
- ▲ Class Colors: 1951 – green and white; 1952 – purple and gold; 1953 – lavender and white; 1954 – scarlet and gold
- ▲ datebook entries might include: Book Tea at the library, performance by the college's Barter Players, Student Government Association elections, Apple Day, party at "The Club" for bridge and card games, Commencement Pageant
- ▲ Friday night movie: *American in Paris* at the brand-new Visulite Theatre
- ▲ de rigueur: weekly chapel service
- ▲ could have been a member of (on-campus clubs): YWCA, *The Bluestocking* yearbook, Monogram Club, Dolphin Club, *Campus Comments* student newspaper, Curtain Callers, Glee Club



Senior World: 2006

MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE

- ▲ jeans, capri pants, or long peasant skirt
- ▲ T-shirt or tank top
- ▲ flip-flops, kitten heels
- ▲ pearls (in irregular shapes, sizes, and colors) or silver beads
- ▲ anything-goes hairstyles — from straight with blond highlights to ultra-short and spiky
- ▲ Class Colors: 2006 – scarlet and gold; 2007 – green and white; 2008 – purple and gold; 2009 – lavender and white
- ▲ datebook entries might include: Signature Ball, Combat Bash, comedian in the Nuthouse, Apple Day, Hunger Banquet, Spring Fling
- ▲ Friday night movie: *Brokeback Mountain* at the recently re-opened Visulite Theatre
- ▲ could be a member of (on-campus clubs): Baldwin Program Board, Caribbean Student Association, *The Bluestocking* yearbook, College Democrats or College Republicans, Colleges Against Cancer, *Campus Comments* student newspaper, COSMOS International Club



Ceremonies Surrounding Commencement

Ajani

Speakers: Alumna Tamika Jones Call and Graduating Senior Nakita Hanson

This ceremony is considered a rite of passage for graduating seniors who are women of color and have demonstrated exceptional commitment to multicultural campus life. Each receives a *kente* stole handwoven in Africa. This year's speaker was Tamika Jones Call, who received her undergraduate degree from MBC in 2004 and her master of arts in teaching from MBC this year. Her topic was: Challenge. Nakita Hanson '06, delivered a response. Awards were also presented:

RAFIKI ("FRIEND" IN SWAHILI) AWARD

Johnice Hill of Hampton, Virginia

For being a friend to students of color as well as acting as a mentor/partner

STILL I RISE AWARD

Lanae Hawkins of Hampton, Virginia

For excelling and soaring in the face of challenge

HARRIETT JACOBS WITNESS AWARD

Maize Jacobs-Brichford of Connersville, Indiana

For being a voice for justice and advocacy

AJANI ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Nakita Hanson of Baltimore, Maryland

For high scholastic achievement and engagement in the multicultural student program

Phi Beta Kappa

Speaker: Tracey Cote Allen '89

Mary Baldwin College is one of only a small percentage of colleges to shelter a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, widely considered the most prestigious of academic honor societies. For the annual initiation and reception during Commencement Weekend, guests heard from Tracey Allen '89, an economics major and member of the MBC chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. New initiates:

Jenny Chen
Angela Correveau (ADP)
Amanda Fedde
Nakita Hanson
Randi Huo
Maize Jacobs-Brichford
Amy Jordan

Cara Magolda
Denise Michael
Sarah Outterson
Amanda Simon
Samantha Sprole
Tromila Wheat
Stephanie Willis (ADP)

VWIL Commissioning Ceremony

Over 40 percent of VWIL graduates accept a commission in the armed forces to serve in the Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy, and Coast Guard. The commissioning ceremony represents the culmination of four years of academic and physical work as students are officially recognized as new members in the armed forces. Dozens gathered to witness cadets receive their commissions May 20 on Page Terrace.

VWIL Change of Command Review

The achievements of Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership graduates were saluted as they passed their sabers to next year's seniors. The event took place on the marching field May 20 and included a full parade by the nation's only all-female cadet corps and the MBC/VWIL Band, which includes cadets and non-cadet students.

Charlotte Berry '51 L.H.D.

One of the highlights of Commencement 2006 was the awarding of a Doctor of Humane Letters to speaker Charlotte Jackson Berry '51. With honorary degrees given only rarely at Mary Baldwin, Berry is in good company with the most recent recipients Dame Judi Dench, renowned British screen and stage actress, and Claire "Yun" Lewis Arnold '69, former chair of board of trustees at MBC and a prominent businesswoman. Mary Baldwin College salutes you, Charlotte Berry '51 L.H.D. (*honoris causa*)!

FYI: The first honorary doctorate was awarded in the 1470s to Lionel Woodville by the University of Oxford. He would go on to become Bishop of Salisbury.



PHOTOS FROM COLLEGE ARCHIVES

‘Where the search for

As Mary Baldwin College Is Now

Mary Baldwin's history began in 1842 when Rufus Bailey opened the doors of Augusta Female Seminary. The foundation of the institution's campus was set in the summer months of 1844 with construction of the Administration Building. Its elegant Greek Revival style set an enduring architectural tone and, then to now, it has served as the heart and center of MBC history and tradition. This map reveals the Mary Baldwin College of today, as it has grown from that first building over a period of 162 years.



Learning beckons'

*A line from the Mary Baldwin College Hymn, written 1900-1905

As Mary Baldwin College Could Be

As Mary Baldwin looks toward its bicentennial in 2042, the college must create its future. A strategy for transformation of the college, the students, and the campus was designed and named

Composing Our Future. That plan is well under way with the rollout of the MBC Advantage for students set for fall 2006, and consistent progress on all other initiatives. We asked Phillip Renfrow and John Wittmann of Geier Brown Renfrow Architects to help us envision a campus that "fit" our history and tradition on "these hills where beauty dwells.*"

This map illustrates a compelling vision for transforming our campus.



Vision of a Connected Campus Guides Master Plan

Mary Baldwin College's vision of a transformed environment — one that balances practical realities with a compelling vision of the future — is here, in the form of a campus master plan. In the days and weeks ahead, more people will learn about the intricacies of the plan, which is intended to carry MBC through its bicentennial in 2042. And members of the Mary Baldwin community — alumnae/i, faculty, staff, and students — will be its ambassadors, each equipped with a blend of facts, personal experiences, and visionary ideas. Explaining this rich, comprehensive plan will require concentration, but it will also be motivating.

Information about the plan, *Transforming Our Environment 1842–2042*, has emerged from several sources. The MBC Board of Trustees endorsed the plan, with minor changes, in February. The complete plan was added to the MBC Web site March 6, and can be viewed at www.mbc.edu/strategic_plan/docs/master_plan06.asp. Authored by Phillip Renfrow and John Wittmann of Geier Brown Renfrow Architects based on months of consultation with college personnel, it is visually appealing, well-structured, and, at 38 pages, fairly concise.

Yes, the document is written. But the process of transforming the campus has barely begun. As is made clear in the document itself, "there is a great deal of work ahead." The college now has a guide for creating a physical environment that will support academic, social, and spiritual goals. The plan is bold, but not so staggering that it is unreachable, even if the final product

does not end up mirroring the proposal.

"One of the campus master plan's strengths is that it is in keeping with Mary Baldwin College's character. As the college's goals and funding change and evolve, the master plan will be re-evaluated along the way," said MBC President Pamela Fox. "Discussion with faculty, staff, students, and MBC advisory groups went into creating the plan, and we will all be called on again to make it a reality."

An Environment to Match Our Strategy

Before discussing the plan in more detail, it is helpful to understand how this plan fits Mary Baldwin. The blueprint for physical changes to the college is inseparable from the college's strategic plan, *Composing Our Future*, unveiled in fall 2004. While the strategic initiative Renew Our Environment has an obvious connection to the physical environment, all five initiatives are central to the campus master plan. Revisiting the other four outlines some of the renovations, new buildings, and site features that are proposed.

■ Make personal transformation a priority

The campus master plan helps the college achieve this initiative through a connected series of gardens, lawns, and paths creating a more pedestrian-focused campus and providing small, private spaces for reflection and study. An athletics and wellness center encourages physical health. Highlighting the symbolic and sacred stature of

Cannon Hill and the Hunt cupola fosters connection to the college's history and traditions.

■ Enhance academic excellence

New classrooms in the current Student Activities Center building, proposed renovations to Deming Fine Arts Center, and the construction or acquisition of a performing arts center will expand academic space and offer specialized work and showcase areas.

■ Unite and enrich our community

Campus entrances become more visible and accessible, inviting community participation in college events. The centerpiece of the plan is a student activities core — anchored by a sizeable campus green, a multi-purpose student activities center, and an addition at the back of Hunt Dining Hall — providing space for gathering and interaction.

■ Fund our future

Outstanding facilities and campus environment are of vital importance to help fulfill the measures that define success in the strategic plan — to recruit selectively and retain extensively. The visionary concepts in this plan will also enable the college to attract financial support to secure its future.

Proposed new construction and dramatic landscaping are undeniably alluring components of the plan, but President Fox cautions that continuing smaller, incremental changes — like those made in summer 2005 — will help

the college reach its goals, too. "To accomplish this large transformation, we have to keep our eyes on the smaller projects," she said. Fox and the architects emphasize maximizing the potential of existing buildings and outdoor spaces before planning large-scale construction. A few suggestions for modest short-term improvements include a cafe in the greenhouse attached to Pearce Science Center, a library reading terrace, and upgrades to Spencer and Woodson residence halls.

One Vision, A Unified Campus

One overarching purpose emerges from the history, diagrams, and suggestions that fill the pages of the campus master plan — to physically connect the segmented MBC grounds. "What you have currently looks, on paper, like two distinct campuses separated by an expanse of roads and parking lots," Wittmann said, explaining the plan to MBC constituents last fall. Looking more closely, the college has four areas — historic campus, Cannon Hill, upper campus, and athletic campus — that need to be united to function as one, the plan states.

"Creating a unified campus will support personal transformation within an inclusive community," Dr. Fox said.

Some of the plan's proposed projects accomplish unification on a physical level. Parking lots will be relocated to the campus perimeter (with a net increase of 30 spaces). Walking paths will replace some roads, and roads will be added in other areas. A campus loop trail will encircle an area from the back of Hunt Dining Hall to the far end of the soccer field. As improvements are made to existing facilities and new ones are built, they will be



made accessible in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Other changes will create a mental feeling of connectedness. Relocating some classrooms to upper campus in the Student Activities Center (the old Staunton Military Academy Mess Hall) will encourage travel from one section to another as part of students' routines. Green space, trees, and gardens between upper and lower campus will make the journey more inviting. More centers for activity and student housing will enliven the area outside the historic campus district. Elevation changes will be minimized as much as possible.

Phase III of the campus master plan is already underway. It includes the development of more detailed vignettes and conceptual drawings of specific buildings and landscape areas. There will also be further study of the feasibility of various options for spaces for the performing and visual arts. This work will help the college prioritize projects and develop a strategy for fundraising.

Undoubtedly, questions will be raised, and some will have to remain unanswered for the present. In the meantime, the campus master plan provides the details that the college community needs in order to say: "Just watch — this campus will be transformed."

Questions

A new campus master plan has been announced. The first drawings are printed — outlining what *is* and what *could be*. It is clear the plan has evolved in sync with the strategic plan, *Composing Our Future*. The next steps require a return to the proverbial drawing board: priorities must be defined, timetables established, projects refined, costs determined, and funds must be in hand before we proceed with each project ... all of which lead to questions, lots of questions. Among the college community's first questions were:

- What principles will guide these processes?
- What project(s) may be done first?
- What major change might students most enjoy?
- What is the most spectacular change identified in the plan?

What Principles Will Guide Decisions for the Campus Master Plan?

Embedded in the campus master plan is a theme that repeats: "The Mary Baldwin College Campus Master Plan must balance practical realities with a compelling vision of the future." The plan is intended as a vision that will guide the college community's ongoing discussion about the future development of the campus. The plan complements the strategic plan, *Composing Our Future*, which proposes five strategic initiatives:

- Make Personal Transformation a Priority
- Enhance Academic Excellence
- Unite and Enrich Our Community
- Renew Our Environment
- Fund Our Future

At first glance, the campus master plan fits neatly into the initiative to Renew Our Environment, but looking deeper, one can see how the campus master plan is critical to achieving all five of the strategic plan's mandates. In fact, the campus master plan's stated vision is: "To transform our environment, create a unified campus to support personal transformation within an inclusive community."

The text of the campus master plan also states: "In developing campus environments, we seek to compose them in their own time and their own place." These principles will guide the process of campus transformation over the next 40 years:

■ Instill Pride

The strategic plan sets the goal to reduce or eliminate deferred maintenance. It is clear that the physical condition of the campus has an impact on overall morale. This goes beyond the appearance of the buildings and grounds. It involves ongoing frustration with the limitations imposed by existing facilities on academic, cultural, community, and wellness programming.

■ Defrag MBC Community

While much of the campus exists in the small close-knit environment of the historic campus, certain groups and functions are isolated and remote. There are also few places and few opportunities where all campus constituencies can come together as a single unit. The campus needs to offer and encourage greater opportunity for casual interactions as well as planned community events.

■ Accommodate Growth

The strategic plan calls for growth in both the Residential College for Women (RCW) and the Adult Degree Program (ADP). Adequate facility resources need to be provided to support this growth. There is a general consensus on campus that an improved physical environment will assist in recruitment and retention of students.

■ Preserve Intimacy

The strategic plan identifies personal interaction among faculty, staff, and students as one of the college's core strengths. On the existing campus, there are numerous interior and exterior places that embody this strength. The campus needs to reinforce this sense of a personalized education experience.

■ Make Connections

Mary Baldwin College needs to be an integral component of the Staunton community. The campus needs to offer and encourage greater opportunity for the Staunton community to take advantage of MBC as a social, cultural, and intellectual resource. The campus also needs to better connect to the regional and global higher education community.



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What's First?

IMAGINE. You are a student returning to Mary Baldwin College in the fall. The leaves have not yet begun to turn colors; the weather is still summertime-warm. There it is: you see the campus on the hillside, surrounded by the grand vistas you often take for granted during the academic year — but now, not having seen them for several months, your eyes roam the horizon, taking in the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains that border the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Your car pulls into the parking lot closest to the residence hall you will call home this year. If you are like most Baldwin women, your favorite part of returning each fall is seeing friends again. You've done this before; you won't spend much time unpacking — at least not now. You're out the door, meeting friends, checking out your old, familiar campus. But wait ... something has changed.

While you were away, the staff of the college was making some exciting changes on campus. It doesn't take long for news to travel about a new place to hang out at Pearce Science

Center. The long-underused former greenhouse has been transformed into a coffeehouse, The Greenhouse Café, and is now another great place for making connections — meeting with friends, talking informally with faculty members, reading something that transports you while you sip a cup of coffee.

If you are a new student (freshmen or transfer student), you will feel at home from the moment you open the car door in the parking lot, greeted, as you will be, by the genuinely friendly orientation student committee members ready to help you move in. The people, the campus, the city, college life — everything is new. But not for long. You don't have time to ponder anything because the orientation team has plans for you and a jam-packed schedule: campus tours, a performance at world-renowned Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton as well as other special events, meetings with your advisors and mentors, all in the company of other new students — first friendships in the making. What you will soon learn is that this creative orientation is just the beginning. You now have at your disposal the Mary Baldwin College Advantage, which is

outlined in *Composing Our Future*.

Returning students, in the act of helping freshmen move in, note real changes in the freshmen residence halls, Woodson and Spencer. Check out the newly painted interior. Love the new furniture in the lounges.

As a student, faculty or staff member, alumna/us, or friend at Mary Baldwin in years to come, you may see changes inspired by the new campus master plan like a Greenhouse Café or a reading room on the outdoor terrace of Grafton Library. Or you might see surveyors on campus mapping out the new walking trail that will loop and connect the campus. Don't be surprised if some of the administrative office locations changed; that may be part of the necessary domino-effect, i.e. this must move before that can be built. Year by year, you will see ongoing and necessary upgrades to technology (a security system in the library, new equipment in classrooms), facilities (paint, column repair, stairwell improvements) and more. All changes that must be funded.

Whatever the first changes you note on campus, they all lead us into the college's future, headed for the bicentennial in 2042.

What Might Be the Students' Favorite New Feature on Campus?





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IMAGINE. You are back to Mary Baldwin College after Spring Break. Everyone's face reflects the quiet joy of a new season arriving. It is spring in Staunton. The trees are budding, the flowering bulbs peek above ground, and lawn mowers roar to life again. It is natural to head to the new Student Life Core (see magazine cover) to see your friends and find out what's happening on campus. What a difference the Student Life Core has made in uniting what once seemed like four distinct campuses.

From the front entrance of Hunt Dining Hall, you can look out onto several of Mary Baldwin College's signature buildings, a manicured expanse of lawn, and into the heart of the city of Staunton. In previous years, few things were picturesque about the view from the back of Hunt. The campus master plan changed that.

Creating a central area for student life — including social activities, dining, offices for student organizations and services, and student life staff — was a priority. The college started with smaller projects (re-use of existing space and landscaping) before completing the master plan's vision of a student life core with the funding made possible through generous supporters. The power of those gifts allowed the college to create:

A Campus Green: At the pedestrian crossroads of campus, a circular courtyard replaces the road that cut through the center of campus and the parking lots once behind Hunt. The space is now designed for pedestrians, outdoor activities, and is surrounded by student life functions.

An expanded Hunt Dining Hall: Now a 10,000-square-foot, two-story wing has been added at the back of the building, facing the Campus Green. On

one level, a new kitchen was added and the old kitchen became a food court. The upper (mezzanine) level features a new entrance to the building from the Campus Green and includes space for student functions. An elevator provides access to the entire building.

A restored Rose Terrace: Offices for the dean of students, student life, residence life, and multicultural affairs were relocated here, after restoration of this historic building in the heart of the student life core.

A new use for Little House:

An office and meeting space for the Student Government Association now reside in historic Little House (once the guest inn for young men visiting students on campus, among other uses).

A reorganized Wenger: Chapel and Registrar's Office stayed where they were. Computer and language labs were moved to SAC, once it was converted to academic space. Computer Information Systems (CIS) moved to the vacated lab spaces, and student support services now occupy the old CIS space. Student services include the Career Center, Writing Center, and Learning Skills Center. The college chaplain, international program, and honors program are now conveniently housed in Wenger as well.

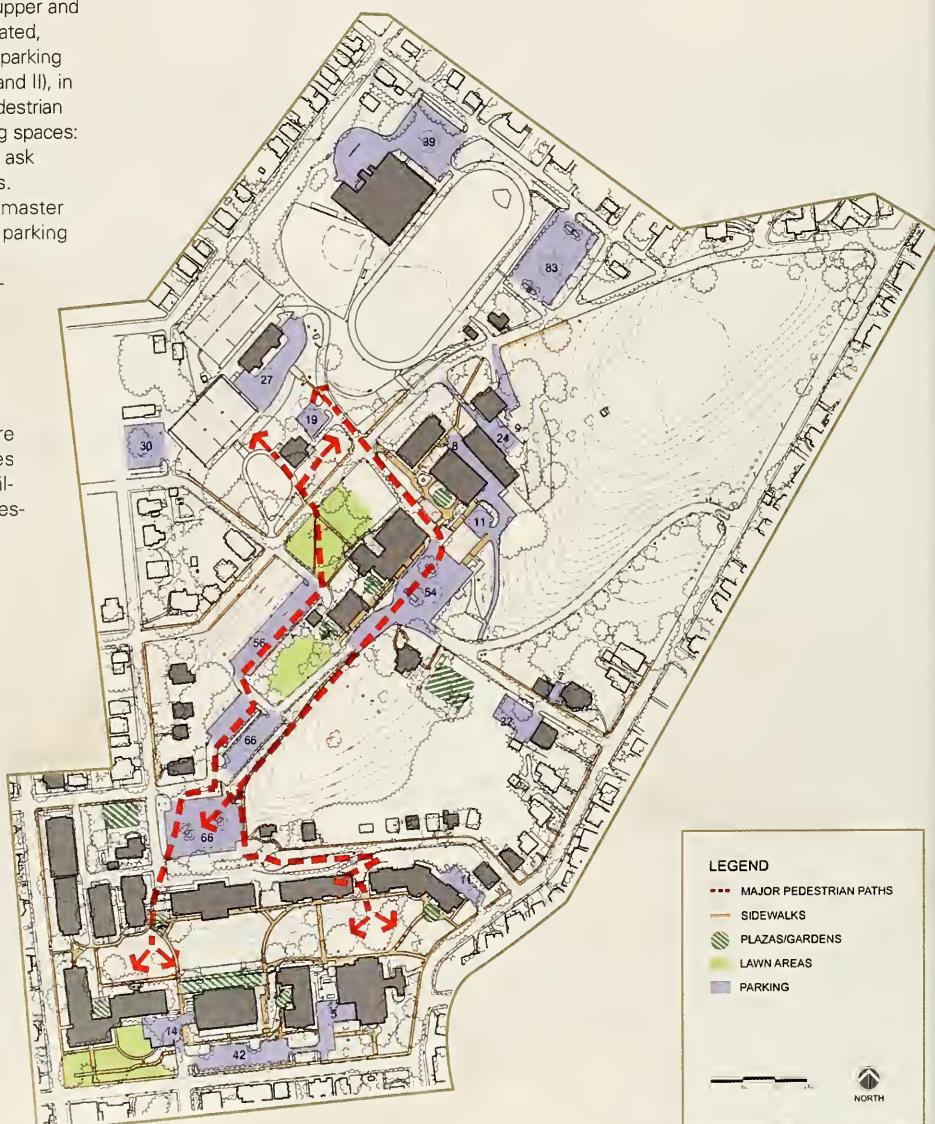
A new Student Activity Center:

It was part of the long-term plan, but with donations that came in record amounts and in such a short time, the college constructed a 40,000-square-foot student center to the back and right of Hunt. The multi-function building houses the college bookstore, meeting and office space for student clubs, general meeting rooms, student commons, recreation and lounge space, and a larger chapel. It is now the very heart and soul of a unified student life core.

What About Parking?

If the road that now climbs through the middle of upper and lower campus is eliminated, along with the student parking areas (known as Sky I and II), in favor of landscaped pedestrian walkways and gathering spaces: "Where will we park?" ask many current students.

The new campus master plan reveals that new parking will surround Cannon Hill and the new walking loop, which will extend from Hunt Dining Hall and unite all four current campuses. Net result of parking changes? There will be 30 more spaces than are currently available, and in more accessible locations.



Existing Pedestrian Circulation Plan



Proposed Pedestrian Environment Plan



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Spectacular: Wellness and Athletics Center

IMAGINE. Year by year, parents, alumnae/i, students, and faculty grew ever more supportive of Mary Baldwin's expanding athletics program, attending NCAA Division III basketball games even while still in the aging Physical Activities Center, and watching soccer and softball games on the fields. They cheered the sportswomen on the tennis court outside and the volleyball court inside. Now, with the completion of the Athletic and Wellness Center, people in the community surrounding the college have increasingly joined in to cheer on student teams.

The new 70,000-square-foot facility features a competition court with seats for 400 and a swimming pool on the lower level. The fitness center is second to none, as is the aerobics and dance room, which is near the free-weight training room, and one floor away from classrooms. The college has never before had enough room for those things, as well as team rooms, locker rooms, offices, and all-important storage space in a single building.

Wellness, a key initiative in the Mary Baldwin College Advantage, has found a headquarters in the new facility. All MBC students come to the Athletic and Wellness Center for class-

es, seminars, and special project work in areas of personal wellness — nutrition, stress management, support groups, yoga, tai chi, and introductions to a range of fitness options (swimming, cardio, free weights, dancing, and a recreational indoor track). All in all, the spectacular new facility has taken center stage.

The new center now offers much-needed space as a rain location for important ceremonies like Charter Day, Founders Day, alumnae/i Reunion activities — even Apple Day (bobbing for apples takes on new meaning with a swimming pool). The community has found many uses for the facility's meeting spaces as well, and the college's Board of Trustees particularly likes meeting on center court.

The Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership — still the only all-female corps of cadets in the nation — has built a large cheering section within the MBC community, whether they parade on the field or inside the new center, meet national dignitaries or the media. Those 6 a.m. winter drills and parade practice are a bit less rigorous when conducted indoors. Cadets are a constant presence in the athletic and wellness center; training and staying fit enables them to ace

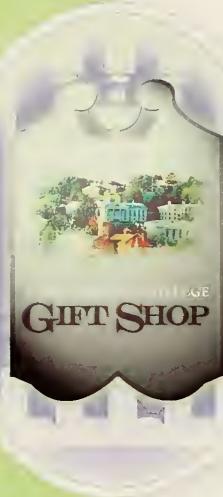
their physical requirements.

Spectacular facilities take special funding. It took every member of every one of Mary Baldwin's constituencies to raise this roof. But that was true for every step, every brick, every can of paint, every repaired column and restored residence hall described in the campus master plan created in 2006 and now completed. In the end, the best outcome of the campus master plan may be the bond that will exist forever among the friends and supporters of Mary Baldwin College for the difference they made in bringing the plan to life. ▲

The written pieces in this section about the new campus master plan were developed and conceived by Editor and Assistant Editor Carol Larson and Dawn Medley. Some of the material and all the drawings were taken from the document, *Transforming Our Environment 1842–2042*. To view the campus master plan in its entirety, please visit online at www.mbc.edu/strategic_plan/docs/masterplan06.asp. For more information about how you can participate in the funding of the campus master plan projects, please contact Gerry Grim online at ggrim@mbc.edu or by phone at 540-887-7012.

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We spoke with Ann Gordon Abbott Evans '65, outgoing president of the Mary Baldwin College Alumnae/i Association just after Reunion 2006. Her term has been eventful, almost revolutionary in changes and progress. She officially passes her gavel to the next president July 1, 2006.

Alumnae/i Association President Ann Gordon Abbott Evans '65 in Conversation

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Everyone seems to be talking about Class Leadership — what is it?

It offers structure for conducting the considerable business of our Alumnae/i Association. It seeks greater involvement and engagement of alumnae/i with leaders from each class — president, vice president, secretary, and annual fund coordinator — who will operate in addition to the existing Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors.

Why do you feel the new structure is so important?

Even as President Fox and the college's Board of Trustees led the creation of the 10-year strategic plan, *Composing Our Future*, it was clear the plan's success would be tied to the engagement and support of our alumnae/i. The Class Leadership Initiative, adopted and fully supported by the Alumnae/i Board, is an effort to do just that.

Tell us about the Class Leadership Conference.

In April 2006, a selected group of alumnae from the classes celebrating reunions in 2007 and 2008 were invited to campus for extensive updates on all aspects of the college. They learned about Class Leadership and elected officers for each class. We will continue to add classes to the structure with each Reunion year.

Your term ends June 30. What are some of the highlights of your time in office?

I would have to say the annual Continuing Education Weekend is an important opportunity for our alumnae/i. It offers alumnae an experience that can only come from returning to the college we love. I highly recommend that all alumnae/i plan to attend the next one, scheduled for October 27-29, 2006.

It has been a joy to work with students

in STARS (Student Alumnae Relations Society). They work hand in hand with the Alumnae/i Board on events and sponsor activities on campus to increase student awareness of our association.

The planning of the Class Leadership Initiative began in January 2005. When completed, it will add strength to classes as they plan reunions, coordinate local alumnae/i events, and support the Annual Fund. I hope each of our alumnae/i will find ways to become part of this initiative.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many loyal and dedicated alumnae/i at events around the country over the past two years. I will always remember them.

Another highlight has been the separation of Reunion Weekend and Commencement for the first time during 2006. The weather was beautiful, the activities varied and lively, and we received the full attention of faculty, staff, and others. It was great fun to attend current classes with today's students.

Who is your successor in this important role?

Kellie Warner '90 of Charlotte, North Carolina, assumes the presidency. She is a talented leader, an accomplished woman, and a loyal and devoted alumna to whom I offer my congratulations and best wishes for 2006-2008.

Ann Gordon Abbott Evans, we thank you for your caring service and wonderful leadership. Have you anything you would like to add?

I sincerely thank Dr. Fox, the Alumnae/i and Parent Relations staff, and the faculty and staff of Mary Baldwin College for their support the past two years. I am extremely honored to have served as president of the Mary Baldwin College Alumnae/i Association, and I will treasure the wonderful friendships made during the past 10 years of service on the Alumnae/i Board.

ALUMNAE HOUSE



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THESE HILLS
WHERE BEAUTY DWELLS





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REUNION 2006



back row (l to r)
Timothy Kelly
Kay Hundley Fisher '61
Mary Ellen Brown '60
Erin Marie Baker '07
Charles G. Walker, III, son of
Sally Cheney Walker '40

front row (l to r)
SarahMack Lawson-Brumit '66
Jessica Rene Baker Brydge '07
Ann Shaw Miller '54
Sara Nair James '69

MBC Awards Outstanding Alumnae at Reunion

■ Career Achievement Award

SarahMack Lawson-Brumit '66 of Banner Elk, North Carolina, was recognized for her early work as an English and creative writing teacher, and her enthusiastic role as an exercise physiologist. After teaching in Atlanta, Georgia for several years, Brumit returned to the classroom in the master's program in exercise physiology at Georgia State University, and changed career fields. She worked as an exercise physiologist at Southwind Health Resort — where she authored the company's fitness manual — and served as program director of Australian Body Works in Georgia. Brumit also gave many presentations and seminars through her firm, The HealthMaker. She was a representative for Georgia to the International Association of Fitness Professionals and was recognized by that organization as one of 10 women making a difference in fitness.

Mary Ellen Brown '60 of Bloomington, Indiana, earned the Career Achievement Award for her long tenure as an educator, primarily at Indiana University and Indiana State University. Brown earned her master's and doctoral degrees at University of Pennsylvania and began her career as assistant professor of English at Indiana State University in 1970. She taught folklore, women's studies, and English at Indiana University for 30 years and became professor emerita upon her retirement in 2003. Brown also served as a visiting tutor at Edinburgh University's School of Scottish Studies, and was awarded a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship in 2004 and a Fulbright Research Fellowship in 1998, among other honors. Brown is the author and editor of several books on folklore and Scottish ballads and authors, and she has published dozens of scholarly articles and chapters in books.

■ Emily Wirsing Kelly Awards

Artist and former Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors President **Emily Wirsing Kelly '63** exemplified the Mary Baldwin spirit of leadership and thoughtful creativity. Kelly passed away in 1985, and her husband, Timothy Kelly, established a leadership award and a student scholarship in her memory through the Kelly Foundation.

Emily Wirsing Kelly Leadership Award

Sara Nair James '69 of Staunton, Virginia, was acknowledged for many years of service in leadership positions at Mary Baldwin College and for her support of local educational and arts organizations. James, professor of art history, has served on the Honor Scholars Committee, Inaugural Committee for President Pamela Fox, and the Educational Policy Committee, among others, since she began at Mary Baldwin in 1991. In the local community, James is involved with Historic Staunton Foundation, Staunton-Augusta Arts Center, Trinity Episcopal Church, and other organizations. She has been an active member of the parents councils at the schools and colleges that her children attended.

Emily Wirsing Kelly Scholarship

Jessica Rene Baker Brydge '07 of Lyndhurst, Virginia, earned this scholarship for her commitment to make connections between her studio practice, art history, and art criticism as a studio art major with an emphasis in painting. Brydge's natural talent as a painter is complemented by her diligent work ethic and efforts to meld different disciplines.

■ Virginia L. Lester Scholarship

Erin Marie Baker '07 of Roanoke, Virginia, received this scholarship for academic excellence and leadership as a Mary Baldwin College student. Baker is a member of the Student Alumnae/i Relations Society, and was recently inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, a prestigious national leadership honor society. The award is named for the college's seventh president.

■ Service to Church Award

Ann Shaw Miller '54 of Raleigh, North Carolina, was honored for her long and varied service to Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh. Now in her second term as deacon for that church, Miller has also worked with Tabernacle's prison death row ministry and homebound ministry, and served as an adult Sunday school teacher. Among the roles closest to her heart is her work as media director for the church, through which she continues to develop a large multi-media collection and was instrumental in creating a 2,800-square-foot media library.

■ Service to Community Award

Kay Hundley Fisher '61 of San Francisco, California, was recognized for community service efforts that range from raising funds for schools in Africa to supporting medical centers and children's organizations around the country and the world. Fisher was one of the founders and remains an active member of The Rafiki Friends Foundation in California, which supports education and wildlife preservation in Africa. Fisher's long history of dedication helping others also led her to establish a battered women's shelter and a program to assist people who accompany trauma victims on life flights. She has served with the Junior League of San Francisco and Save the Children. Fisher received a national outstanding volunteer award in 1975. She was also a member of the MBC Advisory Board of Visitors in the 1990s.

Heather Smith Harvison '93 of Baltimore, Maryland, was lauded for her work in founding and directing My Sister's Circle, a nonprofit organization that provides intensive academic and social mentoring for middle-school girls. Starting with six girls in 2000, Harvison founded My Sister's Circle in 2000, which grew to 30 girls and 50 mentors by 2003, when it was the subject of a feature article in *Baltimore Magazine*. The organization has helped several students obtain full scholarships to private schools. The young women are "being exposed to so many different activities that they would never otherwise have a chance to do," according to Baltimore Principal Irma Johnson. In 2005, Harvison was awarded the Excellence in Mentoring Award by the Maryland Mentoring Partnership.

■ Emily Smith Medallion

Sally Cheney Walker '40 was honored posthumously and will be remembered for her enthusiastic melding of artistic talents with volunteer service, and for her work for the MBC Alumnae/i Office. Walker's love of art, horticulture, and community service is clear in a partial list of organizations to which she belonged: Garden Club of America, Native Plant Society of Texas, Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children, and San Antonio Art League. In her later years, Walker's abstract paintings were featured in several solo and group shows, and she was named San Antonio Art League's Artist of the Year in 2004. She served as chair of the MBC alumnae/i chapter in San Antonio and co-chair of her 55th reunion in 1995 and was a loyal supporter of MBC.



The Grafton Society and Classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002

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1939

MAXINE DUNLAP McIntyre of Clio SC: "I am happy to have become a great grandmother to William McIntyre Malambri, who lives nearby in Florence SC and was born in April 2005."

1940

ELLEN NICHOLSON Williams of Laurens SC is sad to report the death of her husband of 58 years, P. Bailey Williams, in September 2005.

FRANCES PERROTET Kresler of Williamsport IN: "I am teaching water-color painting to private students and enjoy my gardening and, so far, good health!"

1941

DALE PETERS Bryant of Hanover NH: "Swimming, studying, teaching, traveling — this year to Lake Garda, Italy and in the UK with an English hostess. Watching 10, 7, and 3-year-old great-grandchildren with fascination."

1942

BETTY BAILEY Hall of Austin TX: "Good to have news of MBC and old friends. Now have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Lots of activities here but have given up traveling."

PEARL EPLING Culp of Salt Lake City UT misses and loves Virginia and Mary Baldwin. She traveled to Switzerland in September 2004 and spent the winter in Rancho Mirage CA. She is proud of the care that Mary Baldwin has been given and the improvements it has undergone.

1943

MARTHA SPROUSE Stoops of Cary NC: "My husband of 61 years, Robert, died in October 2005. I live at Glenaire, a retirement community where we've lived since 1993."

1944

EVA VINES Eutsler of Mechanicsville VA reports that the top floor of their retirement home burnt in February, but no one was injured. "The staff did a great job."

1947

HARRIETTE "HAPPY" CLARKE Thorne of Darien CT: "Bill, my husband of 55 years, died in October 2005. He was an admirer of the college for many years." In mid-February Happy's sister **MARGARET CLARKE Kirk '48 joined** her and oldest son Charlie on a Caribbean cruise.

MARY HALE Hoe of Middlesboro KY has lived at Middlesboro Health Care Facility nursing home for seven years.

1948

BETTIE BARNETT Lombard of Tucson AZ: "I'm hoping to be able to get to our reunion in 2008. Boy, 60 years! Who'd've thought!"

GERALDINE "GED" CANBY Carroll of Little Rock AR: "I'm still missing my lifelong friend, **LEONE "BABE" BELLINGRATH Jones '48**, who started MBC with me in fall 1944. She died in December 2004."

1949

EMILY OGBURN Doak of Greeneville TN is active with volunteer work with two programs of the American Cancer Society, Reach to Recovery, and Look Good, Feel Better.

1950

MARY SUSANNA GOCHENOUR Fowlkes of Richmond VA reports that she is older and "I don't like it!"

MARY "BETSY" WHITE Richards of Boones Mill VA is playing bridge, doing church work, and volunteering at a



JUDY HANLEN '77 and former MBC roommate **JILL BEYMER Stevens '77** attended Lights of Autumn, a fundraising luncheon by Hospice of Huntington WV, which Jill co-chaired. Pictured (l to r): Judy, TV personality Joan Rivers (keynote speaker), and Jill.

hospital. She gets together with **MARIE MCCLURE Beck '50** in Roanoke every two months.

MARGARET WILSON Wood of Charlottesville VA reports that husband James passed away in October 2005.

1953

NANCY EATON Hopkins of Norfolk VA: "I am starting to oil paint after 35 years and enjoying it."

JOAN MARTIN Tuckwiller of Lewisburg WV: "I serve on the executive committee of the West Virginia Conference United Methodist Women. I am in my ninth year as co-chairman of West Virginia Wildflower Pilgrimage with the state's Department of Natural Resources."

BETTY RALSTON Cook of Staunton VA: "After 30 years in the same home, we moved over the Christmas holiday — big mistake. We're happy with our new home."

JEANNE SHERRILL Boggs of Statesville NC reports that husband Robert died last July.

MARY JO SHILLING Shannon of Roanoke VA: "My son John is now an anaesthesiologist at Lewis Gale Hospital in Salem VA, and I have three grandchildren nearby. Oldest son, a lawyer, works in Munich and daughter Kathy teaches at NC State University in Raleigh. Harry and I volunteer at church, make gardens, and travel."

JO ANN THACKER West of Roanoke VA: "JOANNE VAMES Stamus '53 and I joined the Commonwealth Charities of Virginia on a trip to Tuscany in October. We also spent three days in Rome. What a great trip we had!"

1954

IDA SUMNER Red of Mid Valley CA: "I'm enjoying my new apartment at The Redwoods, a retirement community

across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco and in view of Mt. Tamalpais. I facilitate a women writers group."

1955

ELLEN STICKLE Bare of Waynesboro PA: "Enjoying life with three great-grandchildren. After the death of a granddaughter, they help fill that void. Just a question: How did I get so old so fast?!"

CHARLOTTE "SISSEY" WYNNE

Thompson of Dallas TX enjoys 15 grandchildren ranging from two first-graders to a freshman at University of Texas.

1956

MARDRIVON COWLES Scott of Yarmouth Port MA sold her house on Nantucket and bought a retirement condo.

DOROTHY HOBBY Travis of Atlanta GA: "Moving into an upscale antique shop area in Atlanta. Having specialized in 18th and 19th century French antiques, I'm back studying up on the 1920's-1960's."

BETTYE HURT Ingram of Harlan KY: "I enjoy church music, civic activities, and volunteer work. Even with no grandchildren we feel blessed beyond measure."

ELLAWELLS "DUTCHIE" MILLIGAN Williams of Matthews NC and husband Pete will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They have been blessed with nine grandchildren.

MARTHA PARKE Gibian has been living in Prague CZ for 13 years. "We have nine grandchildren: five boys and four girls, ages 8 - 15." Classmate **MARY "SUSIE" PRIESTMAN Bryan '56** has visited Martha twice.

SALLY SMITH Nation of New Kent VA: "Rollin and I are selling the Antique Lighthouse to get back to music full



KATHERINE BRANT Manning '90 and family stopped in Jacksonville FL to visit with **LISA HOLCOMBE** Robinson '89 and her family. Pictured (l to r): Lisa with daughter Caroline, 22 months, Katherine's sons Brant, 10, and Will, 12, and Katherine with daughter Kacki, 2.

time — Rollin is a concert pianist. We are moving to my parent's home in Virginia."

CLARE TROTTI Stephens of Asheville NC and husband Hugh celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Christmas. "We went to Turks and Caicos with our children, grandchildren, and special friends."

1957

SHANNON GREENE Mitchell of Greensboro NC: "I am taking a fitness class with **CORNELIA "CONNIE"** **DAVIS** Doolan '59. I am in a garden club with **BETSY HUNSCCKER** Lane '74, and in a study club with **ELIZA-BETH "LIEB"** BANNER Hudgins '39. I was happy to tell them how beautiful the campus looked when we stopped on our way home from Maine last September. **KATHLEEN "BETSY"** **KENIG** Byford and I e-mail."

ADA LOU WORTH Turner of Williamsburg VA: "We have three children and three grandchildren. My oldest daughter is a very successful businesswoman who recently started a consulting company."

1958

JANICE GREGORY Belcher of Seaford DE has enjoyed trips to Idaho to visit a long-lost high school friend she had not seen in 53 years.

KAY HUMPHREY Pancake of Huntington WV is owner of a real estate company, which is celebrating 90 years in business. She is widowed and has four married children and 10 grandchildren, ages 9 to 17.

ANN MURFEE Sullivan of Highlands NC stays busy as a guardian ad litem (child advocate in the courts). Her granddaughter graduated from Vanderbilt in engineering and chemistry, and another grandchild is at Auburn. Ann also has twin great-grandsons.

MARTHA THULIN Leynes-Selbert of Powhatan VA: "I now have five grandchildren, and compete in judged pleasure trail rides. Last summer at the age of 69 (almost) I was able to train and ride my young horse for its first time."

1960

ANN APPERSON Boston of Memphis TN has downsized to a new condo.

1961

SUSAN ELY Ryan of Albuquerque NM had two visits with former roomie **MARGUERITE "CAROL" STONE** Stickney '61, in New Mexico and in Alabama.

MARY CLOUD HAMILTON Hollingshead of Clarksboro NJ enjoyed **JUDY PAYNE** Grey's '65 visit recently at **LAURA O'HEAR** Church's '82. "We had a nice visit with **FAYE SMITH** Peck '58, who was recovering from surgery."

MOLLY MOLITOR of Little Rock AR is retired.

MARY "PEGGY" PENZOLD Fooks of Charlottesville VA is working at a decorator/fabric/workroom shop. Daughter Stuart is in Norfolk VA with two children. Son Baylor and family live in Charlottesville VA with two children, and son Rob is in Annapolis MD.

MARY BRUCE "BRUCIE" WOODS Moore of Corpus Christi TX: "Jerry and I are retired and busy with volunteering and traveling. My stepkids and step-grandkids are doing well. Went to Greece in March with family members. Went to Boston last June for **MARY "WOO"** SHACKELFORD Mumford's '61 son in Boston."

1962

BARBARA BAGLEY Silvia of Norton MA has a son who graduated from law school in San Diego and a daughter in college. She is running a gift boutique with her husband.

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ASHLEY TRIPLEHORN '93 married Cory Emerson in September 2005 in Santa Fe NM. Pictured (l to r): MBC friends **SUMMER BROWN Pharr '93**, **HEATHER SMITH Harvison '93**, the bride, and **KATHRYN SCHIFF '93**. Also in attendance: **ABIEE MULLEN Tomlin '92**.



CARY CALL '02 married Bryan Scharf in April 2005. Celebrating (l to r): **BLAIRE HOWLE '01**, **JENNIFER MCGEE '01**, the bride, and **NORAH FICK Pence '01**

SUSAN CADLE King of Savannah GA and husband Francis welcomed first grandchild Frances Flanagan King, the daughter of her son Jeffrey and wife Jennifer, in 2005.

1963

SPECIAL 1963 NOTE

Members of the class are planning a mini-reunion in the San Francisco area during the last weekend of April 2007. For info e-mail Honey Morris: honeymorris@pacbell.net

EMILY DETHLOFF Ryan of Houston TX announces the April 2005 birth of first grandchild Keller Veker Ryan, who lives with his family in Chicago. She has traveled to Oregon, Costa Rica, and Panama.

EMILY TYLER of Browns Summit NC gardens, especially with rescued native plants following her certification as a master gardener. Emily also enjoys birding, photography, traveling, and volunteering with United Way and Partners in Public Health.

1964

MOLLY HOLT of Virginia Beach VA adopted a child from Russia named Dimitri in June 1997.

MARY KERR Denny of San Antonio TX: "In September I went to Cairo, Egypt to see my daughter through the birth of my first grandchild, Tristan Edward Sierra, and spent nearly a month with them." In November Mary went on a study tour of Saudi Arabia.

MARY LOU STUART Garry of Alpharetta GA and husband Jay are enjoying his retirement. They visit their three daughters and six grandchildren in CO, CT, and NC, and their getaways in MA and on the AL Gulf Coast.

1965

SARA LOU ZACHARY Yarbrough of Columbus GA was married to Robert Yarbrough in October 2005 and enjoys her three grandsons.

1966

ESTHER JANE BATES Hipp of Waynesville NC works as a guidance counselor and private consultant for school systems. She has three children and two grandchildren.

KAREN COWSERT Pryor of Rochester NY: "I retired to share my mom's last years living with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). She lived long enough to greet our first grandchild ... life goes on."

BETSEY GALLAGHER Satterfield of Lewisburg WV and husband Bill are enjoying daughter **MARY "Polly" SATTERFIELD Smith**'s '92 identical twin girls who turned two in January, who joined brother Riley. Daughter Elizabeth has a new baby named Sam.

ESTHER JOHNSON Wright of Herndon VA and Bert Wright were married in October 2005, a second marriage for both. Bert has three daughters and six grandchildren. **DOROTHY "DANNIE" BANKER Alderson** '66 was one of the wedding guests.

SUZANNE NORFLEET Clark of Little Rock AR: "I stay busy running my company SNC Properties L.L.C. I enjoy my two grandchildren: Clark, 3, and Anna, 1."

GLENDA NORRIS George of Vienna VA has a beautiful grandson courtesy of son Jeff. Daughter Sarah married in October 2005.

CLAIRE STERN Kaufman of St. Louis MO and husband Lee are producers of two shows on Broadway starring concert pianist Hershey Felder in *George Gershwin Alone* and *Monsieur Chopin*.

ANNETTE TIXIER West of Kinston NC is enjoying retirement. She's been reno-

vating her husband's birthplace, an 1877 manor house, and getting ready for daughter Emily's wedding in June.

PAMELA WAVELL Clark of Coleman GA is raising horses in SW Georgia. She has two daughters in San Diego CA and one in TX. Her 3-year-old grandson visited recently for 18 days. She visited Argentina and Uruguay last year, and enjoys skiing in Colorado.

NINA WEST Guy of Mathews VA: "James and I have four grandchildren, ages 7, 5, 4, and 2. We volunteer in our church and community. I just returned from an expedition in Antarctica."

JANET "JAN" WIETHOFF Price of Richmond VA and classmate **MARY ALICE TOLLEY Goodwin** '66 went on a church mission to the Dominican Republic. "It was a medical mission ... we were helpers. It was interesting to people we met that Alice and I were roommates at Mary Baldwin so long ago."

ANN YINGLING Schmidt of Silver Spring MD was appointed to the National Committee of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers as music educator editor.

1967

LESLIE HENDERSON Sheehan of Louisville KY: "I appraise art and antiques. I have three children, one who is finishing her PhD in paleo-ethnobotany and will have a book out in August on the origins of chocolate. I finished my first marathon in Washington DC and hope to walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain this summer."

SUSAN MASSIE Johnson of Edinburg VA reports that oldest daughter **SARAH GRACE JOHNSON Dimpler** '99 married in October 2004. Daughter Beth moved home in September 2005 to be a fundraiser for a local Habitat for Humanity, and daughter Margaret graduates in May from Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

1968

BARBARA JOHNSTON Ogles of Memphis TN has two grandchildren, twins, 3, who live in Arlington VA. "Their parents graduated from UVA, so I love to visit near MBC!"

BARBARA PENICK Jimenez of Madrid, Spain: "My first grandchild, Pablo, was born in September 2005!"

BARBARA SIMMONS Wainscott of Palm Beach FL is active in thoroughbred racing in the UK. She is a fellow of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Youth Scheme and benefactor of Prince Philip's International Special Projects Group. She is planning a visit to the Czech Republic with the Earl and Countess of Wessex in July.

1969

ANGIER BROCK Caudle of Richmond VA reports that her fourth grandchild arrived in July 2005. She is teaching at VCU and writing.

SUSAN CUTLER of Newport News VA retired in August 2005 after 28 years in the engineering software field. I stay in touch with beloved MBC classmates **MARTHA MASTERS** '69, **ELIZABETH "BETSY" NEWMAN** Mason '69, and **LYNN WHITE Cobb** '69.

MOLLY HUTCHESON Priddy of Richmond VA and husband are practicing law. Daughter Moffett will attend College of Charleston in fall 2006, and son Sam is in 10th grade.

CHAMPE LEARY of St. Louis MO stage-managed *The Tempest* for Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis in June 2005. She is in her 19th year at Repertory Theatre of St. Louis..

LINDLEY MOFFETT Small of Atlanta GA reports on her three grandsons: "Alex, 27, works for Morgan Stanley and is in pursuit of CFP and MBA. Taylor, 25, works in marketing for an internet tech firm. Stuart, 22, graduated from UVA



AIMEE FAVEREAU '99 and Carter Dabney celebrated their wedding in August 2005 in Charlotte NC. Back row (l to r): **GRETA WINN Kidd '99, LISA HELFERT Hart '99, NICOLE NAPIER '99, KRISTI BLYER '99, CATHERINE BLACKE Ogletree '99, CATHERINE CUMMINGS Renoldson '99, LAUREN DYSON '99, TOTTY EDWARDS '99, and SARAH WILSON Clepper '99.** Front row (l to r): **KELLY BAUGHAN GREEN '00, SUMMER SAUNDERS Milligan '99, the bride, the groom, REBECCA STEVENS Teaff '99, STEPHANIE DAWSON Hedges '99, and JESSICA JOHNSON Funk '99.**



KATHLEEN NEVIN '05 married Thomas Shea in January 2006 in Baltimore MD. Back row (l to r): **CHRISTINE "CHRISSEY" KELLAS '05, ERIN CARTWRIGHT '05, KATY JENNINGS Brandenburg '05, ELIZABETH "BETH" SOUTHD '05, and NOHA KHOURY '05.** Front row (l to r): the bride and **ELLESSE FERREOL '05**.

this spring and hopes to attend law school. I no longer teach high school English but stay busy."

JUDITH "J." WADE of Atlanta GA remembers classmate and great friend **JOANNE HOFFMAN Jay '70**, who had an accidental death in May 2005.

"Those of us who knew and loved her miss her wit, great spirit, and mind."

1970

MARGARET HAILE McPhillips of Norfolk VA received the Public Service Award given by Civitan Club of Norfolk to the Outstanding Norfolk City Employee of the Year in honor of her efforts as city historian.

LYNN KIRKMAN Mackle of Kansas City MO earned a second master's degree in 2005 in art history and a master's in English at the University of Missouri in 2000. She does freelance feature-writing for area publications and volunteer work for various charities.

ELIZABETH "BETH" NESBITT **Thomason** of Wise VA: "Daughter Katie is teaching English in Arizona. Son Sean is in the graduate program at USC film school. I enjoy teaching language arts to fifth graders. Ron is working on a novel and a book of poetry."

1971

COLLEEN CANNING Coyer of Waynesboro VA will retire from 25 years of teaching this year.

ANN GILMER Richardson of Roanoke VA reports son John, a commercial banker, married Jessica Bean in 2005. Daughter Blair is a graphic designer. Husband Bill sold his company R&R Engineering in July 2005 and she is working for an interior design firm.

BROOKE HUME Pendleton of Atlanta GA and husband Bill are now empty nesters. "Daughter Corbin left for college last fall. I'm active on the board of CHRIS Kids and hope to spend more time in child advocacy."

1972

ANN BROWN of Asheville NC works as a certified nurse midwife. Daughter Sarah is teaching earth science at Asheville High School and daughter Kate is a freshman at Warren Wilson College.

JEAN DITTMAR Hubertus of New Braunfels TX: "I have retired from desk to field — driving a tractor and making round bales of hay." She will be moving to 100 acres in Sequin TX.

KATHLEEN "KATHY" MADIGAN **Muehlmann** of Charleston WV has an empty nest after 28 years of raising kids. "Still teaching, but all three children are in visual or verbal arts!"

JANE "PLAYER" MCPHAUL of Southern Pines NC. "With the two oldest children married, I've semi-retired from real estate and teach — my first love — at a local high school."

SUSAN OSBOURNE Symmonds of Brooklyn NY: "Working as a counselor at PS36 in Brooklyn. Daughter Tiana works for Hewlett-Packard and Erika is working at Habitat for Humanity, building homes in Oakland CA through AmeriCorps."

1973

DEIRDRE DOUGHERTY Grogan of Marietta GA volunteers at daughter Alyson's high school. Alyson was elected to "Senior Elite" for academics, school and community involvement, and character. Deirdre works as an insurance underwriter and husband Mark is with Kroger Company.

DEMARIS "DEMI" ELSASSER **Wheeler** of Norfolk VA works for Bank of America and went to Jekyll Island in March to visit roommate **PATRICIA "TRICIA" SMITH Bowman '73**. Son Jeff is a student and musician, and daughter Jessie is a sophomore at JMU.

MARGARET IVEY Bacigal

Richmond VA was elected to an initial one-year term as the law faculty representative for the Virginia Bar Association's Board of Governors.

HELEN PLUMMER Lee of Huntsville AL is manager and head librarian at Madison Public Library. She and husband Fred have been married 32 years. Daughter Catherine was married in May, son Tom received his bachelor's in political science from University of Alabama, and daughter Annie is married and working in Huntsville.

LOUISE REID Thyson of Vienna VA reports that she will be moving to Staunton this summer.

1974

ANN ALLEN Savoy of Eunice LA and the Savoy Family Band performed at the National Folk Festival in Richmond VA last fall. The band — Ann, husband Marc, sons Wilson and Joel, and daughter Sarah — celebrates Cajun culture. Ann was nominated for a Grammy as producer of *Evangeline Made*, and for the Botkin Book Award for her book *Cajun Music: A Reflection of a People*.

PATTY CHITWOOD of Blacksburg VA is still working for Virginia Tech's student health services. Daughter Emily is a junior at UVA studying architecture, daughter Sarah is a sophomore at JMU, and youngest child Colin is 16 years old.

1975

KATHARINE ANDERSON of Reston VA: "I became a grandmother in September to Michael. I've been divorced since 1984 and am loving life. Things haven't worked out exactly as I had planned but that's what makes life exciting."

VICTORIA DEJARNETTE Mann of New Wilmington PA: "My husband is vice president and dean of Westminster College where we've both worked for years. Daughter Courtney graduated from Dickinson College in May 2004 and works at The Population Institute in DC. Daughter Lauren is a sophomore at Oberlin College."

BEVERLY SHENK Coltrane of Fishersville VA reports that daughter Elizabeth is a sophomore at MBC having transferred from Bridgevater College.

1976

REBECCA AUTREY Phillips of Texarkana TX is a retired elementary and secondary school teacher. Husband Stuart is an orthodontist.

CARROLL BLAIR Keiger of Richmond VA works with the boarding department at St. Catherine's. "These girls really keep me young!"

PRINCE CARR Norfleet of Richmond VA: "At age 52, I finally have pierced ears and am computer literate. Daughter Margaret graduates from UVA this spring and will go to NYC to work in advertising. Son Edward enters UVA in the fall. Ed is with FRB in Richmond for 35 years."

JANE FISHER Vagt of Oakton VA reports that son Patrick, 21, graduates from UVA this year. Jane recently had dinner with MBC roommate **SUE DUGAN Weinig '76**.



A group of Mary Baldwin alumnae enjoyed time together in New York City in January 2006 at the Metropolitan Museum to see "Fra Angelico," followed by cocktails at **SUSAN PAUL** Firestone's '68 SoHo loft, and dinner. Pictured (l to r): **JUDY GALLOWAY** '69, **SUSAN SHERRI MILLER** Stephenson '69, **SALLY JAMES** '69, and **JUDY PAYNE** Grey '65



Several MBC friends enjoyed a get-together in Washington DC for a mini-reunion. Back row (l to r): **MEGHAN WARD** '04, **KATIE PHILLIPS** '04, and Katie Stice. Front row (l to r): **ASHLEY KIZLER** '05, **ERIKA GIRALDO** '04, and **ERIN BALLEW O'Reilly** '04.



RACHEL EICHENLAUB '00 married Darrell Templeman in October 2005 in Dexter GA. Pictured with the bride are bridesmaids and classmates **MICHELLE VALENTE** '00 and **ADDIE SMITH** Pratt '00.

DIANE HILTON Reed of Randleman NC writes that after two years at Mary Baldwin she received a BS in public health education from UNC. Daughter Lauren is a freshman at UNC and son Jared is a junior at NC State.

BONNIE KLINEFELTER of Lutherville MD is a senior intelligence analyst for the Department of Defense in Fort Meade MD.

MEREDITH LYONS-Crews of Charleston SC has been program manager of four children's day-treatment programs at the Institute of Psychiatry at the Medical University of South Carolina.

NANCY PETERSON Hemenway of Arlington VA was featured in a December 2005 edition of *People Magazine* in a story called "The Gift of Life," which documented her work with the nonprofit group the International Council on Infertility Information Dissemination (INCIID), which she co-founded in 1994. Last year INCIID solicited doctors and drug companies for \$1.3 million in donated services and fertility medications in order to help

couples get treatments they could not otherwise afford.

PATRICIA TUGGLE Collins of Midlothian VA teaches Spanish at a community college as her children, ages 24, 20, and 19, grow up. "Jen is teaching at Clemson University and Maggie is a senior planning to pursue equine studies. Tom is still searching."

1977

KATHERINE BLACKSHER Ward of Mobile AL has an 18-year-old daughter at Washington and Lee and a 16-year-old son in 10th grade who plays football.

BARBARA CARRICK Dumbaugh of Sarasota FL: "I am a realtor and also serve on two boards — New College Library Association and Key Chorale, the official chorus of our symphony."

PAULINE PATTESON of Harrisonburg VA displayed a dozen oil paintings in an exhibit called "Corners of My World" at The Art Gallery at Summit Square in Waynesboro VA. She has continued art studies at East Tennessee State

University, Beverley Street Studio in Staunton, and at art workshops led by internationally known instructors. Her work has been in many shows and she has received numerous awards in recent years.

1978

FAYE ANDREWS Barr of Virginia Beach VA is preparing to move to Maui, where husband Charles, a marine biologist/environmental steward, will work for Keep America Beautiful and other non-profit environmental organizations in Hawaii. She hopes to continue pursuing interests in horticulture, art, writing, and animal welfare.

DIANE BABRAL of Waynesboro VA and **GERALD BABRAL** '98 ADP announce the birth of granddaughter Alison Jacqueline Babral born October 2004 to David and Kristy Babral.

DEBORAH TIMBERLAKE of Monterey VA is a first grade teacher at Highland Elementary School.

MARY STEWART WELLS Pfeffer of Amarillo TX and husband Gary have a son in 9th grade at Woodberry Forest School in VA.

1979

KIM BAKER Glenn of Richmond VA graduated in May 2005 from Union-PSCE School of Theology earning a master's in Christian education.

1980

AUDREY ANDREWS Oddi of Richmond VA: "My oldest daughter is a freshman at Virginia Tech and my younger daughter is in eighth grade. Husband Steve and I own two crane companies."

CHERYL NAETZKER of Midlothian VA is an IT senior systems analyst with WellPoint Inc. She earned project management professional designation in 2004 and business systems analyst certification in 2005. She enjoys the beach, boating, and catching up with classmate **MARTINA GRAHAM Creger** '80



KELLY KERSMARKI '02 married college sweetheart Mark Hall in October 2003 and is a stay-at-home mom for daughter Dolores Grace born in November 2005. MBC friends celebrating (l to r): **AMY NUSBAUM** '02, **DANA WOODS** Allen '02, **EME HURLEY** '05, **MORGAN WEBB** '07, **DEBORAH DURBIN** '07, **ASHLEY KIZLER** '05, **MEGHAN WARD** '04, and the bride (seated).



JESSAMY "JESS" HOFFMANN '95 married Theodore Garner in Amelia VA in July 2005. MBC friends in attendance included (l to r): **VALERIE FOWLKES** Rafey '97, former MBC staff member Kathryn Buzzoni, the bride, and **AMY HALL** Pulaski '96. The couple resides in Spotsylvania VA.



TIFFANY MARTIN '99 wed Capt Steven Arthur Brown in August 2005 in Gaithersburg MD. Top row (l to r): **KRISTEN SWOOPE Lanier '99, KARA HUGHES '01, MEGAN ROBINSON '99, and DENISE HAYES '99**. Bottom row (l to r): **JENNIFER LORDAN '99**, the bride, and **MICHAL ZIVAN Coffey '99**.

KATIE PIERSON Colden of Grand Blanc MI: "I am a realtor with Keller Williams Realty. Husband Damian is busy with his engineering company. Daughter Katherine graduated last May from Butler University and was expecting a baby May 2006. Daughter Rachael is a sophomore in nursing at St. Mary's Notre Dame."

1981

TAMARA CORELL lives in Melbourne Beach FL with husband Steven and works as a State Farm agent.

JAMIE LINDLER of New Orleans LA survived Katrina and is mediating insurance disputes in the Gulf Coast related to the hurricane.

1982

STEPHANIE BECKER of Livermore CA earned a PhD in 2003 in Spanish and is working on *Perversions of Romance*, a book to be published this year.

RUTH DOUMLELE of Midlothian VA received her MLA from the University of Richmond in 2002. She has been writing about southern women 1780-1830 and historical pieces in Richmond.

1983

MELINDA CAIN of Dallas TX went on three cruises and several weekend trips. She has two dogs named Bravo and Micky.

1984

ROBERTA BALDWIN Webb of Accommack VA is working in marketing and has earned fitness certifications. She is teaching step, weight-lifting, resistaball, and more. Her family is doing well; Zach is 6 and Luke is 3.



CPT. EN ADJUTANT JESSICA DURBIN '02 married 1st LT Kyle Bair in August 2005 while at home on leave. She is currently serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army. Celebrating (l to r): the bride, sister **DEBORAH DURBIN '07**, mother **LINDA HITE Durbin '69**, and maid of honor **KELLY KERSMARKI Hall '02**.



ERIN BALLEW '04 married 2nd LT Egan O'Reilly in September 2005 in Gloucester VA. Back row (l to r): **KATHRYN SPICER '06, ERIN BAKER '07, ANGELA FABER '04**, the bride, **SARAH CERRI Cowherd '03, ERIKA GIRALDO '04, KATHRYN PHILLIPS '04, MEGHAN WARD '04**, and **JOANNA CASTO '04**. Front row (l to r): **ASHLEY TENTBROECK '05, ASHLEY KIZLER '05**, the groom, **JENNIFER CARMAN Lovell '04**, and **JORDAN ARMSTRONG '04**.

Marriages

SARA LOU ZACHARY '65 to Robert Spence Yarbrough, October 9, 2005
ESTHER JOHNSON '66 to Bert Wright, October 1, 2005
TERESA "RE" PLANK '86 to Michael Jago, October 31, 2005
ASHLEY TRIPPLEHORN '93 to Cory Emerson, September 3, 2005
ALICIA HAWKS '94 to Matthew Keefer, November 26, 2005
JESSAMY "JESS" HOFFMANN '95 to Theodore Walter Garner, July 16, 2005
JENNIFER HOPKINS '96 to Charles "Craig" Rittling, April 16, 2005
ANNA WITT '96 to E. Scott Reed, June 18, 2005
FRANCESCA RUSK '97 to Sean Wallace September 24, 2005
TIFFANY MARTIN '99 to Capt. Steven Arthur Brown, August 6, 2005
MELISSA GREY '99 to Brian Mesko, October 9, 2004
AIMEE FAVREAU '99 to Carter Dabney, August 13, 2005
CHARLYNDA KELLY '00 to Hans Ellison, October 15, 2005
RACHEL EICHENLAUB '00 to Darrell Templeman, October 15, 2005
ELIZABETH "BESS" SCHULTZ '01 to Paul Flick, October 2005
MOLLY MAHONEY '02 to Phillip Griffin, January 21, 2006
DELAINE PERRY '02 to Alex Kaplan, October 15, 2005
CARY CALL '02 to Bryan Scharf, April 2005
KRISTIN WILSON '02 to Sean Smith, October 2004
JESSICA DURBIN '02 to 1st Lt Kyle Patrick Bair, August 8, 2005
KELLY KERSMARKI '02 to Mark Hall, October 2003
CARMEN ROBERTSON '03 to Christopher Dwayne Jones, July 2, 2005
ERIN BALLEW '04 to 2nd Lt Egan O'Reilly, September 3, 2005
JENNIFER WUEST '05 to Jeff Wilcox, September 30, 2005
KATHLEEN NEVIN '05 to Thomas Shea, January 21, 2006
BALU BANGURA LEE '05 to Caleb Lee III, August 2004

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ELIZABETH "LIZ" EDGERTON

Summers of Columbia SC: "Last May I attended the funeral of our classmate **COURTNEY DEWEY '84 JACQUELINE "JACKIE" SKINNER '84** and **TAMI HATCH '85** also attended. Courtney loved her time at Mary Baldwin and will be missed by all who knew and loved her."

MARY KATHRYN HOCKMAN

Robinson of Mount Airy NC: She recently moved to NC with husband Joe and son Harrison, 8, where she became president of the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce. This is home to many MBC alumnae who have made me feel welcome."

1985

KAROL SVINLAND **Derflinger** of Front Royal VA and husband Mark will have been married 20 years this year. Daughter Madelynn is 6. Karol is a counselor in therapeutic day treatment at Family Preservation Services for Warren County Public Schools.

1986

CAROL BELOTE **Benson** of Manassas VA, husband Robert, Catherine, 4, and Elizabeth, 3, welcomed Collin in February 2004, but he died the following July. Stepdaughter Ashley is 18. Carol's father Chuck works for Mary Baldwin in the physical plant.

ELIZABETH BIRKS Lange

of Tyler TX: "I've been married to Will, my sweetheart (whom I met while at MBC) for 18 years." She is a realtor and has two daughters, Alexandra, 12, and Olivia, 9.

SUSAN EASLER

of Ashburn VA has been promoted to hospital sales specialist with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. She enjoys getting together with MBC friends **JULIE ELLSWORTH Cox '86**, **KAREN LATSHAW Schaub '86**, and **CHARISSA CAMP '86**. Susan missed her 20th reunion because she was traveling in Italy.

MARGARET GERBER Davis

of Reston VA is a retired teacher.

MICHAEL HART

of Glen Allen VA is a facilities manager for Hamilton Beach/Proctor Silex, Inc.

JULIANA HOFF Sawyer

of Lutherville MD has three children: two boys, 10 and 8, and a girl, 3. Juliana works for Infinity Broadcasting Baltimore as an account manager and is involved at her children's schools.

ELLEN PEARSON Timm

of Louisville KY has settled back in her hometown.

TERESA "RE" PLANK Jago

of Elizabeth City NC married Michael in the courthouse at Elizabeth City last October. Guests were invited to attend a Halloween Party to celebrate.

1989

LISA HO Guinan of Palo Verdes Estates CA: "It will be our 10th anniversary in California. My husband Joseph, son Roan, 6, and daughter Haley, 4, are well!"

SARAH MCCLELLAN Holman

of Nellysford VA is working part time and spending time with husband John and daughters Lydia and Marlena. They live at Wintergreen Resort and visit with fellow classmates who visit the resort.

SHERI POWELL Neuhofer

of Chesapeake VA and husband Jeffrey welcomed son Nikolas Riley in August 2005.

1990

NICKOLE SHEFFIELD of Midlothian VA: "I'm teaching special education in Henrico County and working towards my master's in special education at Virginia Commonwealth University."

LORI SMITH Beck

of San Antonio TX teaches at University of Texas and supervises student teachers. She enjoyed a quick visit to Richmond visiting **MARY IRVIN York '90** and **TIA TILMAN Owen '90**.

SANDRA TERRY of New York NY works as a site inspector for Apartment Rehabs. She makes prints at the Art Student's League, is managing editor/designer for **Sagazine**, and the Society of American

Graphic Artists, and runs two English coonhounds in Riverside Park.

TIA TILMAN Owen of Richmond VA and husband Duncan announce the birth of daughter Catherine McNeil in July 2005. Catherine joins big brothers Duncan, 6, and Carter, 4.

1991

LEIGH "TAYLOR" BELL Falls of Richmond VA is a self-employed interior designer. She and husband Mark have two boys, West, 6, and Fisher, 2.

ELIZABETH "LIZ" BENDER Morgan of Hermitage TN and Mike announce the birth of first child Sean Michael in September 2005.

MARTINAH DISAVINO Smith of Colonial Heights VA: "I stopped working three years ago after being at the same company 12 years. I'm raising two sons: Billy, who started kindergarten this year, and Martin, 1." She and husband Bill celebrate their 10th anniversary this year.

RACHELLENE FESTA Fleming of Clover SC responded to hurricane Katrina through the National Organization of Victims Assistance (NOVA) crisis response team. "I am honored I was able to help those in need."

ROSALYN MCCAIN Shrader of Oxford GA is the registered nurse program director for Morgan Memorial Hospital.

CLAIRE MURPHY Applewhite of Frisco TX is a writer and raising daughter McKenna, 5.

CAROLINE ODEN Wylie of Phoenix AZ and husband Robert have three children: Henry, 3, George, 2, and Charlotte, 2.

HEATHER PEARSON Ashley of Toms Brook VA teaches for Shenandoah County Public Schools and is the Shenandoah Education Association vice president. Heather and husband Mike own several small businesses including a chain of car washes and laundromats.

KIRSTEN RUHALA Miller of Hedgesville WV and husband Brian have three children and two stepchildren. She works as a priority unit advocate for First Data Merchant Services.

PATRICIA SPURLOCK Hodges of Midlothian VA: "We are getting settled in our new house and I am enjoying being a stay-at-home mom."

MICHELLE STEVENS Stullenburg of Staunton VA is a special education teacher for Staunton City Schools. She earned a master's degree in education from James Madison University in 1996. Husband Larry is a machinist for Tyco Electronics.

ELEANOR WARE of Sterling VA: "I am with Reston Interfaith working with homeless families. Received my LCSW in 2003. Very active in church, serving on

vestry and going on annual mission trips."

1992

JULIE ADAMS Ranson of Richmond VA and Todd celebrated the birth of Eli Wilson in July 2005, who joins sister Molly, 2.

KIMBERLY ARMSTRONG Pifer of Winchester VA and husband Bill welcomed Lindsay in September 2005, who joins Emilie, 2.

NINA BAXLEY Rogers of Maggie Valley NC: "I quit my corporate job as a technical writer to become an English teacher and love it."

HOLLY EGER West of Monument CO accomplished a life goal by opening a piano studio last fall.

PAIGE PEMBERTON Heath of Beaverdam VA and husband Richard have two boys, Parker, 4, and Jackson, 2. She is in her 14th year of teaching in Hanover County and is teaching fifth grade.

AIMEE RAY of Midlothian VA started a new job in August as the marketing consultant at Wachovia Securities.

SUSAN SEAMSTER Morris of Richmond VA and husband Jason welcomed first child Abigail Layne in October 2005. Susan is a design consultant for Storehouse and owns a design business, Interior Motives.

JOHN TRIPPEL of Charlottesville VA is working as a teaching assistant in special education with Albemarle County His paintings were in two shows last fall: one in a record/CD shop and one in Breadworks Bakery.

1993

CHRISTY HAWKINS Howell of Chicago IL: "Trae and I moved downtown and are on the top floor with amazing views. Trae is IT operations director for CNA Insurance Company."



EMILY OEHLER '93 completed the Marine Corps Marathon in October 2005. After training for 28 weeks, she went from running three blocks to 26.2 miles!



Morrison '95 Rounds Up World Leaders

Mary Morrison '95 wants people to know that the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) is more than a glitzy annual event. "It is an ongoing partnership of global leaders who are working together on some of the world's most pressing challenges," said Morrison, CGI director of membership. She is employed by the William J. Clinton Foundation, which supports CGI — a nonpartisan endeavor, bringing together a carefully selected group of the world's best minds and most distinguished problem solvers to focus on practical, effective measures that can be taken now."

It doesn't hurt to be in the public eye, however, as she was when the organization's kickoff event earned her recognition as one of New York City's event planners of the year. Morrison recently received that honor from *BizBash Magazine* for planning the "three-day assembly of world leaders, business execs, nonprofit agencies, Nobel Laureates, and issue-minded celebrities." Among the participants at the CGI event were Kofi Annan, secretary general of the United Nations; former Secretary of State Madeline Albright; George Stephanopoulos, anchor of *ABC News This Week*; and actress Angelina Jolie.

As an MBC student, Morrison designed an independent major in international business. An internship in the Clinton White House after graduation set her on her career path. She went to work as deputy director of Oval Office operations, and remained on Clinton's staff when he left office. She signed on in April 2004 to manage the CGI conference. The daughter of a retired career naval officer and Brazilian painter, Morrison lives in midtown Manhattan, just blocks from her office.

In classes with Mary Baldwin professors such as the late Gordon Hammock, Morrison said she learned organization, honesty, preparation, and fundamental kindness — that voice that reminds her to write thank-you notes and respond to requests. These serve her well on the CGI staff and beyond. Morrison "did a little bit of everything" for the inaugural CGI conference in September 2005, including choosing the food and the florist, and coordinating the name and logo. For this year's conference, she is focused on membership: The organization boasts nearly 1,000 members, and Morrison works to carefully recruit new faces — primarily heads of state from around the world.

Still, she is humble about her newfound recognition: "It was exciting. It was a nice prize at the end of a year of hard work to get the event organized. But really, the event itself was the reward. Knowing that we helped raise \$2.5 billion toward mitigating global issues and that we encouraged conversation is immensely satisfying."

For more information about the Clinton Global Initiative, Morrison recommends visiting the organization online at www.clintonglobalinitiative.org.

ELIZABETH SMITH Koleszar of Walpole MA relocated to Boston with my husband Bill and daughter Caroline. Bill is with Citizens Bank. "I am quickly adapting as a serious, snow-conscious New Englander."

1994

REBECCA CHRISTIE of Silver Spring MD works in Washington DC as the Pentagon reporter for Dow Jones Newswires. Over the past 10 years, she has worked for newspapers in WV, OR, and GA. She has a master's degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at University of Texas. She has performed with the Cathedral Choral Society, the professional early music vocal ensemble Carmina, and has been a contributing writer for the Recorded A Cappella Review Board, and a volunteer with Contemporary A Cappella Society.

ELIZABETH ELSING Robbins of Manteo NC and husband John welcomed daughter Elizabeth Lane in November 2004.

EUGENIA "GENIE" GRATTO of Iowa City IA: "I am working as a communications account manager for Alliant Energy."

ALICIA HAWKS Keeler of Disputanta VA married Matthew in November 2005. "We honeymooned at Walt Disney World. I own/operate King's BBQ #2 in Petersburg VA."

MYRA SKIDMORE Leland of Cleveland MS and husband Jarrod welcomed Henry May 2005, who joins brother Jack, 2.

1995

PENNY JENKINS Lowrey of Alexandria VA and husband Peter announce the birth of Paige in April 2005.

1996

MARGARET "MEG" BURKEL of Philadelphia PA: "I was ordained as an Episcopal priest in January 2005 and serve as assistant priest at The Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, PA."

AMY CHARLESTON Mishra of Burlingame CA: "I sell ad space in the videogame industry and enjoy traveling to new, exciting places with my husband Arnaud. We also enjoy hosting out-of-town visitors — hint, hint."

LISA MCGRANN Morris of Kirkland WA and husband Eric welcomed Caroline in March 2004. She joins Emma, 6, and Olivia, 5.

DIANA PERRY of Staunton VA is a pretrial program manager for OAR Jefferson Area Community Corrections.

KRISTINE SERFOZO of Brentwood TN is district manager with CitiFinancial. "I keep in touch with classmates **SUSAN CRAWFORD** Bouchard '96, **HEATHER SHUMAN** Fox '96, **RENEE SUTPHIN** Magee '96, and **KATHERINE WARING** '96."

ANNA SNYDER of Alexandria VA is a 5th grade teacher for Hollin Meadows Elementary School.

JOHN TAYLOR of Charlottesville VA is a teacher with Albemarle County Public Schools.

CURRY WILHIDE Blanton of Charles Town WV bought a 100-year-old house downtown. "We've been busy with renovations and our wonderful daughter Janet, 2."

ANNA WITT Reed of Richmond VA married Scott in June 2005. Fellow squirrels in attendance included **MARY ALICE** "ALLIE" WITT Jamison '93, **LAURA** "ZANDER" HAMILTON Laurent '96, **ELIZABETH NORWOOD** Fowlkes '96, **MARY BROWN** BROUGHTON Leachman '97, **MARY CATHERINE** Mann '97, and **KATHRYN "KATE"** WOODSON Dumont '97. Anna is a senior human resources associate for Capitol One.

1997

WENDY BARNES McEntee of Patchogue NY was promoted to team leader/senior marketing and communications specialist in the group employment benefits department at BWD Agency, Inc., an insurance agency.

HONOR JOHNSON McCain of Morgantown WV and husband Bryson welcomed Barrett in January 2006.

LINDSEY NORTON Caines of Colorado Springs CO and husband Jon welcomed Emmett in February 2006, who joins Carter, 3. Mary Baldwin classmate **SUZANNAH MEYER** Zachos '97 and husband Nick are the children's godparents.

FRANCESCA "CESCA" RUSK Wallace of Dumfries VA married Sean in September 2005. MBC alumnae in the wedding: **SUSAN NICHOLS** Wright '97, **ELIZABETH "TYSEN"** FABRIZIO Fineis '98, and **ANNE WAGNER** '98. Also attending: **KARI BAGDASARIAN** Rapine '97, **PATTI FOLEY** Nardone '97, **JENNIFER WALKER** Procise '97, and **MINDY WYTENBACH**-Lindsey '97

BRENDA STROLE Van Pelt of Grand Rapids MI is an adjunct professor in childhood development and a literacy coach at Grand Rapids Community College.

1998

ANNIE ANDREWS Minix of Farmville VA is pleased to announce the birth of Samuel in February 2006, 8lbs 8oz and 22 inches long. He was welcomed home by James, 2.



Births

SHERI POWELL Neuhofer '89 and Jeffrey: a son, Nikolas Riley, August 13, 2005

TIA TILMAN Owen '90 and Duncan: a daughter, Catherine McNeir, July 28, 2005

ELIZABETH "LIZ" BENDER Morgan '91 and Mike: a son, Sean Michael, September 2, 2005

JULIE ADAMS Ranson '92 and Todd: a son, Eli Wilson, July 26, 2005

KIMBERLY ARMSTRONG Pifer '92 and Bill: a daughter, Lindsay Wainwright, September 14, 2005

SUSAN SEAMSTER Morris '92 and Jason: a daughter, Abigail "Abby" Layne, October 10, 2005

ELIZABETH ELSING Robbins '94 and John: a daughter, Elizabeth Lane, November 16, 2004

MYRA SKIDMORE Leland '94 and Jack: a son, Henry Swain, May 9, 2005

PENNY JENKINS Lowrey '95 and Peter: a daughter, Paige Baylis, April 22, 2005

LISA MCGRANN Morris '96 and Eric: a daughter, Caroline Isabell, March 18, 2004

HONOR JOHNSON McCain '97 and Bryan: a son, Barrett Alexander, January 3, 2006

LINDSEY NORTON Caines '97 and Jon: a son, Emmett, February 5, 2006

ANNIE ANDREWS Minix '98 and Gerald Lee: a son, Samuel Lee, February 16, 2006

LARA BRADLEY Ballard '98 and Seth: a son, Gavin Wyatt, February 6, 2005

JESSICA CHARLES Copenhagen '98 and Christopher: a daughter, Cassidy Sophia, November 7, 2005

JANET DEFIBAUGH Hylton '98 and Jeff: a daughter, Sarah Katherine, November 21, 2005

VICTORIA FREELAND Rayburn '98 and Steven: a daughter, Maresa Erika, April 17, 2005

CARRIE TIMMONS McCandlish '98 and Scott: a daughter, Corinne Reece, December 28, 2005

REBECCA "BECCA" CRAMER Shaw '99 and Kevin: a son, Avery, November 2005

MELISSA GREY Mesko '99 and Brian: a son, Benjamin Grey, February 7, 2005

LEANNA REYNOLDS Di Dio '99 and John: a son, Zackary Ryan, December 12, 2004

RENEE DEBORD Staton '00 and Matt: a daughter, Samantha Suzanne, March 25, 2005

LORRI WARD Beency '01 and Mark: a son, Nikolas John, April 8, 2005

CANDICE EBERHARD Clayton '02 and Chad: a son, Chase Liam, October 14, 2005

KELLY KERSMARKI Hall '02 and James: a daughter, Dolores Grace, November 9, 2005

REBECCA ROBBINS Fakhar '04 and Shaheen: a son, Shawn Adam, September 29, 2005

BALLU BANGURA LEE '05 and Caleb: a daughter, Jacqueline Marie, February 15, 2005

AUDREY BESS of Orlando FL is managing editor for Crawford Investigations.

LARA BRADLEY Ballard of Sterling VA and husband Seth welcomed Gavin in February 2005. Lara is a 5th grade teacher for Loudoun County Public Schools.

JESSICA CHARLES Copenhagen of Roanoke VA gave birth to daughter Cassidy in November 2005. She works part time for Scientific Applications International Corporation.

JANET DEFIBAUGH Hylton of Waynesboro VA and husband Jeff welcomed Sarah in November 2005, who joins Parker, 3.

VICTORIA FREELAND Rayburn of Germany and husband Steven welcomed future squirrel Maresa in April 2005, who joins Madeline and Maia.

REBECCA LAING Bower of Staunton VA is dean of students for Stuart Hall School in Staunton. She and husband Brian have daughter Madison.

CARRIE TIMMONS McCandlish of Huntersville NC and husband Scott welcomed Corinne in December 2005, who joins Maia, 3.

1999

REBECCA "BECCA" CRAMER Shaw of Martinsburg WV and husband Kevin welcomed son Avery in November 2005, who joins Criofan, 5. Becca is a service coordinator for those with mental retardation and developmental disorders.

MELISSA GREY Mesko of Staunton VA and husband Brian welcomed Benjamin in February 2005.

DAVID HIPES of Clifton Forge VA is a financial center manager for BB&T. He and wife Kimberly have two children.

LEILA MCINTYRE King of Winston Salem NC reports that 2005 was a good year with son Jack's first birthday, moving into a newly built home, and a trip to Wyoming.

LEANNA REYNOLDS Di Dio of Savannah GA and husband John welcomed Zackary in December 2004.

ANNE SAVAL of Winchester VA: "I am in second semester of the BSN program at Shenandoah University to become an RN."

2000

RENEE DEBORD Staton of Pueblo CO and husband Matt welcomed Samantha in March 2005, 7lbs, 5oz.

SARAH JOHNSTON of Richmond VA and her partner purchased a house. She will soon finish a master's degree in public administration and become development director at Orchard House, a private middle school for girls.

CHARLYNDA KELLY Ellison of Del Rio TX married Hans in October 2005, who is stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio.

NYOKABI "KABI" KIARIE of Ann Arbor MI is pursuing an MBA at the University of Michigan Business School.

JESSICA MILLER of Seattle WA: "I'm in a new apartment and love being in the city." She welcomes visitors.

LORRI WARD Beene of Lilburn GA and husband Mark welcomed Nikolas in April 2005. "Instead of teaching I'm going to be a stay-at-home mom until Nikolas can go to school with me."

2001

ASHLEY ADAMS Miller of Hutto TX reports that husband Joe is working for Samsung and the family bought their first house. She is staying home with Adrim, 15 months.

STARLING CRABTREE Nowell of Nashville TN and husband Brad celebrated baby Starling's first Christmas. She is a mortgage sales associate with AmSouth Bank and he is in sales with American Paper and Twine.

ARLENE DUNN of Loysville VA was installed as pastor of Centre Presbyterian Church in October 2005 after serving as the church's interim pastor since September 2004.

JESSICA HEITZENRATER Collins of Meriden CT has been a kindergarten teacher since 2001 and married B.J. in 2004.

SARAH HENRY of Richmond VA is a clinical coordinator for Tuckahoe Orthopedics.

STACEY HORN of Knoxville TN is a volunteer with the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Miskolc, Hungary. She teaches high school English and works with Roma (Gypsy) children. "I write about my work here online at pcusa.org/misionconnections.yav. I plan to return to the states in August 2006."

MICHELLE HURDLE of Chase MD is a teacher at John Paul Regional Catholic School.

LESLIE ST. JOHN of Manning SC: "I work at a wonderful church with the youth. One of my great interests has become mission work."

JENNIFER WILSON of Weatherford TX and husband John have children Jessica, 3, and John Jr., 1.

2002

KERRY BLEKFELD of Toano VA is a firefighter and paramedic. She is working on a master's degree in public administration in emergency management.

ELIZABETH CHAPMAN Ford of Oceanside CA works for Sony Computer Entertainment of America as an Oracle DBA developing new online games for Playstation.

JENNIE HILDENBRAND of Winchester VA is a high school Spanish teacher for Frederick County Public Schools.

KELLY KERSMARKI Hall of Mechanicsville VA married college sweetheart Mark in October 2003 and is a stay-at-home mom to Grace born November 2005. She and the baby traveled to Germany to attend the wedding of Grace's godmother **JESSICA DURBIN** Bair '02.

ELISE LASOTA Rhodes of Alexandria VA received designation as Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) in September 2005.

JESSICA MARSHALL of Richmond VA is in Child Protective Services with Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Department of Social Services.

KENT MCCLANAHAN of Glen Allen VA celebrated 25 years with her company, Charming Shoppes, in January 2006. **JESSICA PASINI** Elsass of Rapid City SD and husband Jake are pleased by a move and the work they do. She is senior designer for Hollingsworth Graphic Dimensions.

DELAINA PERRY Kaplan of Fairfax VA married Alex UVa '01 in October 2005. **ALLYSON TEEVAN** '01, **MELANIE TEE-VAN** McConnell '01, and **ELIZABETH WRIGHT** Heijman '02 served as bridesmaids. The couple honeymooned in the Greek Isles.

CATHERINE SCARBOROUGH Conner lives in Staunton VA with husband Cory and is an administrative assistant for Chartwells Food Service at Mary Baldwin.

KRISTIN WILSON Smith of Ashburn VA married Sean UVa '00 in October 2004. "I work for PRS, Inc. helping people with mental illness find jobs. I am definitely putting my education from Mary Baldwin to use. Hello to all my MBC friends!"

2003

NILDA JOLLOFF of Staunton VA is in the silver edition of the Marquis Who's Who of American Women 2006-2007.

CRISTINA "CRISSY" JURACH of Herndon VA was promoted to senior marketing coordinator at Sage Software. She is involved with Junior League of Northern Virginia. In November 2005 she returned to Staunton with classmates **ALICIA GETZ** Fisher '03, **KELLY GURLEY** Roberts '03, **AMANDA PACKETT** Settle '03, and **JULIE SCHMIDT** '03 for a mini-reunion.

MICHAEL COURTNEY MCGUIRE

DICKERSON of Pembroke VA and husband Jeff are updating their new house. They have a new "baby": a miniature pinscher Little Bit. She is an office manager for Carillon Health Systems and thinking about pursuing a teaching degree.

HOLLY MOSKOWITZ of Fort Bragg CA works for Thanksgiving Coffee Company as project director of Mirembe Kawomera Delicious Peace Coffee. The coffee is from a small co-op of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian farmers in Uganda. www.mirembe.com

COLEEN PIRANIAN Cosgriff of Lexington VA works at Central Elementary, where she met husband Jeremy.

CHAUNCY QUINTER Watts of Reading PA married Nicholas in December 2002. "He went to Iraq right after that. We just bought a home and have four dogs: Sophia, Benzy, Joesephine, and Douglass."

CARMEN ROBERTSON Jones of Roanoke VA married Christopher in July 2005. She is a 6th grade math teacher at Laurel Park Middle School.

AISHA WILLIAMS of Blacksburg VA is pursuing a master's degree in counseling at Radford University.

2004

ERIN BALLEW O'Reilly of Enterprise AL and husband 2Lt Egan O'Reilly have been reassigned to Mannheim, Germany beginning May 2006.

KELLI BUTLER Craddock of Charlottesville VA: "I hope that all the PVCC/ADP graduates are doing well."

PATRICIA CALLAHAN Freeland of Roanoke VA is a help desk technician with Medical Facilities of America.

REBECCA ROBBINS Fakhar of Herndon VA and husband Shaheen welcomed Shawn in September 2005.

LEA THOMPSON of Dumfries VA works for Camber Corp, which is contracted to the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense. She travels to different states representing the company at conferences.

2005

BALLU BANGURA LEE of Staunton VA: "I got married in August 2004 to Caleb. We had daughter Jacqueline in February 2005."

BRANDY PERRIN of Powhatan VA is an electronic technician II at Longwood University.

KRISTINA SPRAGUE of Roanoke VA is assistant administrator for Salem Health and Rehab Center.

VICTORIA TEN BROECK of Key West FL interned at Reef Relief, a non-profit coral reef preservation group in Key West for a year and took two classes before applying to graduate school for fall 2006.

JENNIFER WUEST Wilcox of Atlantic Beach FL married Jeff in September 2005. She is a public affairs officer for the U.S. Navy on board the USS Taylor (FFG 50).

MAT Alumnae Excel in the Classroom

Alexandra LaRue Davis '95, a teacher in Albemarle County, VA, received the William C. Lowry Outstanding Mathematics Teacher of the Year award for elementary school teachers. The award was given at the Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference at Virginia Tech. Davis was also honored with a "Programs That Work" 2005 award from the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition.

Renee Berry Szad '93, a teacher at Lake Norman Elementary School in Mooresville, NC, was recognized as an innovative teacher and leader in celebrating creativity and innovation in education. The award was bestowed by Jon Dudas, under secretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the United States patent and trademark office. She received her award at the conference for Innovation in Science in North Carolina, held at University of North Carolina.

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Deaths

MARY HOLT Roschenberger '22	November 7, 2005
SUSAN GILL Dunn '25	September 10, 2005
HAZEL RUMPF Wilson '25	April 10, 2005
MARGARET PATTERSON Mack '28	November 7, 2005
MAE EVANS Kellam '29	November 18, 2005
MARGARET SCOTT '30	January 22, 2006
MIRIAM HUGHES Williams '31	October 12, 2005
MARGARET "PEGGY" LUNSFORD Jones '35	February 13, 2006
DOROTHY DOUGLASS Kellam '36	January 29, 2006
MARY ELIZABETH "TIBBY" GARDNER Glen '36	December 28, 2005
HARRIETT SCHOFIELD McLaughlin '36	October 3, 2004
ALICE GILKESON Simpkins '37	October 12, 2005
ELIZABETH "BETTY" LAMBERT Mahler '37	September 20, 2005
JOAN BALLARD Bailey '38	January 24, 2005
EDITH HUMPHREYS Sensabaugh '38	September 16, 2005
KATIE PARKINS Fulton '38	January 30, 2006
ANNA "JIMMIE" SMITH Bowen '39	January 5, 2006
JUNE TROUT Harris '39	November 7, 2005
MARY ANNE WILSON Gibbs '39	September 20, 2005
SARAH "SALLY" CHENEY Walker '40	December 3, 2005
REBECCA ROBERTS Vance '40	June 16, 2005
ELIZABETH CRAWFORD Crist '42	December 23, 2005
JEANETTE LIFSEY Smiley '42	December 10, 2005
JACQUELINE BALHATCHET Downey '43	November 22, 2005
DORIS DUNKUM Kirkpatrick '43	April 3, 2005
MEREDITH JONES Johnson '43	January 31, 2006
MARGARET "MARIE" BRYAN Beck '44	July 7, 2005
ELIZABETH CHURCHMAN Wick '44	November 29, 2005
CHARLOTTE COHN Davis '45	September 26, 2005
HELEN BLACK Sinnott '46	August 30, 2005
MARY JANE NELSON Craddock '46	September 5, 2004
ELIZABETH DUNN Barnes '47	December 6, 2005
LEONE "BABE" BELLINGRATH Jones '48	December 20, 2004
MARY SUE GROSSO Clarke '48	September 22, 2005
MERRY KEY Ellington '48	January 5, 2006
MARTHA ROSS Amos '48	October 28, 2005
BETTY SPANN Stowers '49	January 18, 2006
CAROLYN CRANFORD Hardin '50	August 15, 2005
MARGARET "PEGGY" MOORE Ripley '52	September 21, 2005
BETTY SCOTT Jones '52	December 12, 2005
NANCY BARRON Gourley '53	January 18, 2006
VIRGINIA BATES Hull '54	July 22, 2005
DIANE EVANS Wood '54	January 21, 2006
BARBARA WILLIAMS Tapp '54	January 18, 2006
LEAN NELL BOSTON Bolcas '61	October 19, 2005
GRACE FLOURNOY HARDISON Vance '61	November 22, 2005
ELIZABETH "BETSY" KAY Stites '61	September 1, 2005
JANE PRITT Lynn '69	September 6, 2005
MARY ROGERS Field '72	November 29, 2005
JULIA WILLIAMS Layfield '74	January 28, 2006
CARYL PALMORE Carley '79	September 19, 2005
MARTHA MARABLE '80	September 11, 2005
JUDITH SPENCER Lewis '82 ADP	August 20, 2005
MELANIE MADISON Vent '92	January 19, 2006
MELISSA MITCHELL '97	May 21, 2005

Staunton, VA
Holiday Cocktail Party
at the Carey's
 December 16, 2005

Attending a holiday cocktail party at the home of
 NANCY KUNKLE Carey '51:

1. (L to r) Carey McCallum, **NANCY KUNKLE Carey '51**, Henry Carey, **MEREDITH NORRIS '03**, **JENNIFER BRILLHART Kibler '91**, and Professor Jack Kibler
2. (L to r) **JACKIE HAM Tarkington '49**, **NANCY KUNKLE Carey '51**, and **KITTY HOLT Dozier '40**



Birmingham, AL
Reception and Conversation

February 15, 2006

Attending a Reception and Conversation at the home of **JOYCE ACKER Ratliff '52**, hosted by Joyce and **ANN DIAL McMillan '63**:

- 3 Group photo
- 4 **JOYCE ACKER Ratliff '52** and **ANN DIAL McMillan '63** (hostesses)



Richmond, VA
Richmond Ballet Performance
at the Landmark Theater

February 19, 2006

MBC Class of 2002 was well represented at the Richmond Ballet performance of *Sleeping Beauty*:

- 5 (L to r): **EMILY ALLEN** Jiancristoforo '02, **KATHERINE MEYER** Hulse '02, **KELLY WIMMER** '02, and Emily's mother, Cindy Allen



Charlotte, NC
Reception and Conversation
with President Pamela Fox

February 22, 2006

Allen and **MARY CATHERINE MITCHELL** Amos '81 hosted a Reception and Conversation with President Pamela Fox at their home:

- 6 Group shot
- 7 A gathering of presidents ... MBC presidents (L to r) Dr. Cynthia Haldenby Tyson and Dr. Samuel R. Spencer Jr. with current president Dr. Pamela Fox





In the fall of 2003 the author left her home in western Virginia to spend two months in the high desert of Arizona as a volunteer at the Petrified Forest National Park.

Gifts of the Desert

By Becky
Cennadcy
Merchant '03

Bucky Cannaday
Merchant '63 on
wilderness hike amid
millions of clam fossils.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCKY CANNADAY MERCHANT '63



Among the many gifts of the high desert are sunrises and sunsets, especially sunsets. One sunset, early in my rookie days as a volunteer at the Rainbow Forest Museum in the Petrified Forest National Park, came after a threatened thunderstorm at the tail end of the rainy season. It was more spectacular than anything I had ever seen, a 360-degree panorama of swirling blues and pinks in constant motion with a blazing red finale. I was on my way to my apartment after work and just stopped along side the road with several law enforcement rangers. No one said anything.

The park rangers were beginning their evening rounds at the entrance to the Blue Mesa Trail, the midway point along the park highway, to secure the premises for the night, to protect the national park's most precious asset, petrified wood, from thieving tourists. The Petrified Forest holds the country's greatest concentration of petrified wood, which are trees that have turned into rainbow-colored stone.

Many of us who live east of the Mississippi River do not have a clear picture of where the Petrified Forest is located. Those of us who do find it in the northeast corner of Arizona are usually on our way to or from the Grand Canyon. The Petrified Forest is huge in the space it covers, 100 square miles, and vast in the period it interprets — 250 million years. It is shaped like a squared-up, buxomed hourglass. In the north end, the badlands, one finds the Painted Desert Visitor Center and the Painted Desert Inn. In the south end there are massive log jams of petrified wood and the Rainbow Forest Museum. In between are Indian ruins on the Puerco River, remnants of Route 66, the Blue Mesa where the Painted Desert changes into violet and white shades of volcanic dust, the tepees, the petroglyphs at Newspaper Rock, and burying grounds of dinosaurs and pre-dinosaurs with names only nine-year-olds can pronounce.

How do trees turn to stone? It was the most logical and persistent curiosity of visitors to the Petrified Forest. Briefly, it happened as a result of an elaborate and complicated chemical process which needed the right combination of ingredients and circumstances — a forest of downed trees,

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF BECKY CANNADAY MERCHANT '63

slow moving flood waters loaded with fragile silica molecules from volcanic ash — as well as time — lots of time.

As a volunteer, I worked 40 hours a week in one of three museums. During my time off, I hiked marked paths and gained enough confidence to wander off-trail into the back country. Nothing was as rewarding as my first solo trek into the Painted Desert several weeks after I had arrived.

My goals, other than returning alive, were to explore the badlands and walk the desert floor among the bentonite hills and find the Onyx Bridge, an intact petrified log stretched across a ravine in one of the slot canyons in the Black Forest. Finding the bridge was a challenge and rite of passage for new rangers and volunteers.

Before starting, I planned my route from Kachina Point. From that vantage I saw red: large, striated beehive-like hills of some shade and intensity of a crimson hue, the color broken and eased with white and brown layers. The giant mounds are remains of volcanic spewings; the ash had co-mingled with iron oxides, aluminum, magnesium, and whatever elements were in the atmosphere at the time of the eruptions to add the paint to the Painted Desert. I saw sandstone rock that underpinned the waves of giant hills as they rose from the desert floor and stretched for miles to the horizon. I could see evidence that the Painted

Desert is disappearing because of erosion and weathering, a quarter inch each year.

I had a vague notion of the way to the elusive stone bridge. The landmarks looked obvious from up above — the curve in the Lithodendrum Wash, the rock slump at twelve o'clock, the route through the red mounded hills. But once down on the short, marked trail, which was a sharp treacherous descent over roly-poly pebbles (called desert ball-bearings), I was in the badlands — by myself — surrounded by hundreds of look-alike hills. I left cairn markers to help me "home." I didn't come near the Onyx Bridge ... that time. I made a few wrong turns but found my way back and was glad to have soloed in the wilderness.

I recorded this and every adventure I had during my days out west in my journal. Keeping field notes and writing in my journal became one of the most important things I did while I was away; it was like talking to myself and has had the great benefit of holding this place in my mind.

When it was my turn to be keeper of the Painted Desert Inn, I had an unobstructed picture-window postcard view of the Painted Desert. The inn is both an architectural jewel and a maintenance nightmare. A portion of its foundation had been constructed on top of the soft clay which expanded to seven times its volume when wet

and contracted when dry. Over the 80-plus years of its life, it had shifted and cracked, and been patched and repatched. The flat roof had sprung leaks, and water threatened to destroy delicate interior murals. By late 2003, it was scheduled for closure again, this time for serious maintenance using modern engineering to stop leaks, shore up its foundation, and repair gaping cracks in the walls.

As a park service volunteer my insider status allowed me the opportunity and time to examine the fine details of the Painted Desert Inn and to go on field trips with expert rangers. Ranger Rita took several of us to Mountain Lion Mesa on a fossil hunt. Our prize find was an exquisite arrowhead chipped from a sliver of petrified wood. Ranger Ted led volunteers on day-long individual tours into the wilderness. The highlight of that outing was a terrifying scramble down a steep ravine to the site of the latest find in the park — a phytosaur skull.

It amuses me to think about my limited expectations of the Petrified Forest National Park before I left Virginia. I had no idea what awaited me in the barren wasteland of volcanic ash that is the Painted Desert. By the end of my short odyssey at the Petrified Forest, I wanted to live every minute over again. My time in the high desert of Arizona has become a gift to me. ▲

Save the Date

Charter Day

August 30, 2006

At 5 p.m. the Class of 2010 will walk down the steps to Page Terrace as so many students have done before them. They will take up a pen and sign their names. They will join the ranks of all Mary Baldwin women as they sign the Honor Pledge, even as upperclassmen and faculty renew their own commitment to MBC's Honor Code.

Doenges Visiting Scholar/Artist 2006-07

September 19, 2006

Claudia Bernardi, the 2006-07 Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Doenges Visiting Artist, is a native of Argentina who works not only as an artist, but as a human rights activist and forensic anthropologist. "Bernardi's artwork is inspired by suffering, yet infused with life. Drawing upon experiences of state terror — such as the exhumation of mass graves in Central America — the artist's challenge is to resurrect beauty amid the bloodshed and in doing so, to refuse to succumb to the silencing embrace of political repression," said Angelina Snodgrass Godroy of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. Bernardi will be on Mary Baldwin's campus in September when the films *Pasa Un Angel* and *Artist of Resistance* will be presented. Both films document her life as an artist and activist. She will return in May 2007 to teach a May Term course. Keep watch on the college's lecture site for up-to-date information, www.mbc.edu/college/events/lectures.asp.



Alumnae/i Continuing Education Weekend

October 27-29, 2006

The now familiar theme — recharge your mind, relax your body, and renew your spirit — plays out during Continuing Education Weekend October 27-29, 2006. Here's some of what alumnae had to say about last year's experience: "Wonderful lecture! Doesn't get any better than this!"; "Food was gorgeous and great!"; and "The entire weekend was just fabulous! You have truly renewed and recharged my spirit." For more information call the Office of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations: 800-763-7359.



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